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ENGLAND'S TOUR FLOP

BY JOHN FIELD

ENGLAND'S tour of Australia must be described as a complete disaster — as far as English football is concerned.

The results in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne baffled many Australian sporting enthusiasts who expected England to wipe the floor with the Socceroos.

That was not an unreasonable expectation. The English players are all full-time professionals, enjoying the advantages of daily training, and some of them are very highly-paid.

The big names like Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis are certainly not getting less than \$2,000 a week...in fact they get

much more.

Compare this with the Socceroo set-up. All of Australia's players have outside jobs : they could hardly exist without a job to augment their sparse Soccer pay packets.

Their training has to be squeezed in on week nights. Their experience of international match play is almost non-existent.

But perhaps the biggest pointer to the vast difference in playing standards in Australia and England is the "survival rate" of Australian players who try to make the grade in the UK.

In the past 30 years, scores of Aussies have trialled in England and Scotland and in all those years, only two players, Joe Marston and Craig Johnston, have made the grade.

That's the scenario. So

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GREEK CLUB TO PLAY IN AUSTRALIA

EUROPEAN teams, Boavista of Portugal, and Aris of Salonika, could be playing in Australia in August.

National League club Heidelberg has invited both clubs to play in a four team tournament which is likely to include Sydney club Marconi.

Heidelberg has been in touch with the Australian Soccer Federation, but as yet has not received the sanction from Soccer's

head body to stage the tournament.

Boavista was one of the best teams in the Portuguese competition.

With one round remaining in the Greek first division, Aris is running fifth, with two points difference from the second Larisa (43-41).

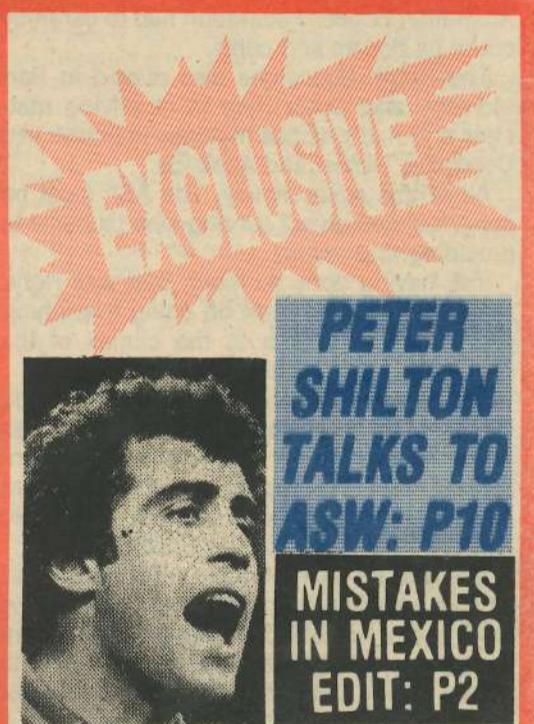
Aris players will have a four week break before their likely tour of Australia.

ASW was in touch with Aris official George Nantios yesterday.

He said that his club was taking the proposed trip very seriously.



England's Paul Walsh has to leap over Graham Jennings' legs as the Socceroo left-back makes a telling tackle at Olympic Park, Melbourne.



Now that the Youth Socceroos have returned, belatedly, from their Central American safari, it is a good time to assess the lessons of the World Youth Championships and, in particular, what mistakes were made.

The Australian squad had the most thorough preparation given to any sporting team from this country.

For virtually a whole year, team coach Les Scheinflug conducted regular camps for his young players.

No expense was spared, bringing the players from all parts of Australia, housing them in expensive hotels and ensuring none suffered financial hardship by dedicating themselves to Soccer.

Apart from the huge expense this incurred, the squad also travelled abroad frequently: for instance the Havelange tournament in Acapulco was a bonus which would have been unthinkable a few years ago when the Australian Soccer Federation had to carefully count its dollars and cents.

The Youth Socceroos also played in Port Moresby and Costa Rica in qualifying matches and had practice matches in places like Cessnock, Hobart and Adelaide.

All of this costs money. The ASF must be congratulated on not stinting when it came to providing that money.

Yet, having done so much that was right, the ASF appeared bent on doing everything wrong when it came to the climax of the preparation... in Mexico itself.

The fiasco of the hotel booking in Mexico City should never have happened. It was obvious as soon as the tour party disembarked from the airport bus that the Prim Hotel was no place for a team of athletes to prepare for a World Championship.

The rate for a single room with shower was \$10. It was possible to buy a three-course meal at that hotel for less than \$3. These were marvellous prices for tourists who had to count every peso, but hardly suitable for Australia's national Youth team on which a small fortune had been lavished before it reached Mexico City.

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why didn't Bobby Robson's England make mincemeat of Frank Arok's Australia?

There were two basic—very basic—reasons. England were not good enough and Australia were better than many people expected.

Maybe that explanation is too simple. But what other verdict can be passed on the 0-0 draw in Sydney, the 1-0 win for England in Brisbane and the 1-1 draw in the final match in Melbourne?

At the World Cup in Spain last year, it was obvious that England's standards, when opposed to the world's leading sides, had slipped alarmingly. England's performances against very ordinary Spanish and West German teams, in fact, suggested that they are now incapable of beating mediocre international opponents.

Without wishing to belittle the Socceroos, let us be frank and admit that Australia, in the world ranking list, have to be classed as "mediocre."

So the tour, from England's point of view, was a ghastly flop.

THE WEEKEND NSL PROGRAM

NEWCASTLE V FOOTSCRAY
BRISBANE CITY V HEIDELBERG
WOLLONGONG CITY V ST GEORGE
LEICHARDT V SYDNEY OLYMPIC
PRESTON V MARCONI
WEST ADELAIDE V BRISBANE LIONS
SOUTH MELBOURNE V CANBERRA CITY
SYDNEY CITY V ADELAIDE CITY

EDITORIAL

We never learn from our mistakes

The ASF was 100 per cent correct to quit the Prim Hotel after just one uncomfortable night. The major problem at the place was the absence of air-conditioning in bedrooms—bearing in mind the necessity for players to enjoy regular sleep, not just at night but also, at times, during the afternoon.

It now appears that the hotel was NOT checked out by anyone from Australia, an elementary error which should never have happened.

Yet the ASF did not learn from its unhappy experience. Had the young Socceroos topped Group "A" in the Championship, they would have returned from Toluca to Mexico City for a quarter final match.

Their hotel would have been the Beni Dorm. Better than the Prim? Perhaps—but, again, it was a hotel with no air-conditioning in the rooms!

We understand the Beni Dorm had been looked at by Sir Arthur George, president of the ASF, who accepted it as a suitable headquarters for the Australian squad.

Do we never learn from our mistakes?

In the days of Rudi Gutendorf as Australia's national coach, there was one memorable tour of Europe and Asia. The major headquarters during that trip was Ipswich, where a former boarding school was used as a billet for the Socceroos.

Up to three or four people shared rooms after some members of the party refused to sleep in an out-house which looked like a dormitory converted from stables.

enough!

Australia can take heart from these three games, bearing in mind their three previous internationals were all lost to the minnows of New Zealand.

Against England, players like Terry Greedy, Alan Davidson, David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos, Phil O'Connor, Joe Watson, Peter Katholos and Steve O'Connor all had their moments.

Greedy and Yankos could be described as the "finds" of the tour.

Alan Davidson: top performances.



Even the location of the place was quite ridiculous. Australia had to play matches in Birmingham and Leicester. A quick glance at a map of England would convince even the dullest of geography students that Ipswich was nowhere near either Birmingham or Leicester.

Do we never learn from our mistakes?

While nobody will ever forget the humiliation of Australia's late arrival at Mexico City's Azteca Stadium, perhaps this is one incident we need not dwell upon at great length. FIFA, in its wisdom, accepted the ASF's excuse for the late arrival of its squad. But it would have been better had the team departed from its hotel earlier.

Some Soccer writers set out from the hotel for the Azteca at 5.15 and were in the ground soon after 6 p.m. That was two hours before the colourful opening ceremony. Too early? Isn't that better than being too late?

Perhaps the biggest mistake made by Australia's representatives in Mexico was the botch-up of dates for the return journey to Sydney.

The tour itinerary stated quite clearly that the party would leave Mexico City on Friday June 10. Only on Thursday June 9, when bags were being packed in Toluca for the return journey via Mexico City, did the ASF's World Cup Committee chairman Peter McCann discover that the date on the air tickets for the squad's return was Sunday June 12.

How could such a mistake be made? Why should players, anxious to return home as specified on the itinerary, suddenly find out that they were condemned to spend an extra two days, with nothing to occupy their time, in Mexico City?

It was the final straw.

In future, these mistakes must not be allowed to happen. There must be better planning, better organisation, more attention to detail.

It is tough enough getting success in World Championships when everything runs smoothly: it is much tougher when blunders are made at administrative level.

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Les to ask ASF to invite champs



BRAZIL TO PLAY IN AUST?

AUSTRALIAN World Youth team coach Les Scheinflug will ask the Australian Soccer Federation to try to lure World Youth Cup champions Brazil to Australia for a series of matches.

On the weekend, Brazil clinched the 1983 WYC Cup when they beat arch-rivals Argentina 1-0 in a hard fought final at the Aztec stadium in Mexico.

Scheinflug revealed his

wishes to play Brazil after watching the Australian senior team battle to a magnificent 1-1 draw with England in Melbourne on Sunday.

"It would be a great op-

portunity to let the Australian public watch the Young Socceroos in action. The kids and the public deserve as much," Scheinflug said.

Brazilian striker Geovani Silva grabbed the winner with a penalty in the 38th minute after winger Paulo had been tripped inside the area.

MURRAY GETS BLAME FOR INCONSISTENT RESULTS

By Steve Burns

CANBERRA ARROWS, struggling near the bottom of the National League, sacked coach George Murray after he refused to resign.

A statement by Canberra City Olympians, the club's controlling organisation, alleged that "one and a half seasons of inconsistent performances in the NSL" had led to the club terminating Murray's contract.

Only one director, Mr Con Koupanidis, indicated that he had opposed Murray's dismissal.

Because of Canberra's lowly position on the League ladder, 12th out of 16 with four wins and two

draws from 12 games, dissent within the club has been growing alarmingly in recent weeks.

But Murray believes he has been made a scapegoat.

To that question, he replied: "They just couldn't wait for the long list of injured players to get back into action. When this happens I believe things will improve.

"We will have a better second than first half of the season."

Murray is the third coach — plus one caretaker coach in John Brown — to be dismissed by the club that began as Canberra City.

Murray, in his third season and now on a one-year contract, was dismissed under a special severance clause and is entitled to seven weeks severance pay.

"I am not a shirker. I never quit a job that is unfinished," said Murray. "That is why I refused to

resign. "I don't believe I have anything of which to be ashamed.

"I have been without key players since the beginning of the season, often up to six at once.

We have been using boys that I recruited from the Australian Institute of Sport, Downer Olympic and Belconnen United.

"We spent nothing to build up our team while others were spending fortunes by Australian Soc-



George Murray.

cer standards.

"And two of the biggest spenders, Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne, have only just crept past us on the league ladder.

"We got players like Andrew Young and John Walsh. They didn't cost us a cent. Walsh walked in off the street and Young came for nothing.

"Others like young strikers Mark Perinovic and Phil Redmond were also players that didn't cost the club anything.

"Yet despite this and despite our injury problems, we have battled on and have lost only one game at home; only one club has a better goals for record.

"Now the talented players out so long with injury are ready to return — players like Tony Brennan, Paul Ontong and George Christopoulos. Hopefully we will also have the uninterrupted services of young striker Frank Farina."

Murray, however, is clearly disenchanted with the approach to Soccer management — and coaching — in Australia.

WOLONGONG SO HUNGRY AGAINST OLYMPIC

TONIGHT (Tuesday) at the St George Stadium, Wollongong Wolves take on the pacey Sydney Olympic and are most determined to grab all three points.

Wollongong's president, Laurie Kelly, told us last night: "The boys haven't had a winning bonus for weeks and are hungry for one."

Wollongong's manager, Willie Wallace, also is hungry for a win and commented: "We played last week very well against Adelaide City and in fact should have won in the end. Olympic hasn't played for nearly three weeks and this could affect their performance."

Wallace added: "We will be strengthened at the back by the return of our World Youth stopper, Ray Vlietstra, who will pick up Marshall Soper. We'll also have back our wing flyer, Phil O'Connor who had such a good game last Sunday against England."

"It will be the first time this season that we go into a match with a full squad.

"The boys are hungry for points and want to get off the bottom of the League," said the Wollongong coach.

Meanwhile, Sydney Olympic's coach, Tommy Docherty commented seriously: "Well sure Wollongong will have Phil O'Connor back for tonight's match and Phil will be pleased to be back I'm sure. He'll be pleased

to have someone on the back post meeting his crosses. Not like last Sunday against England when he'd make the bust and the cross with nobody up there to meet them."

"I personally am looking forward to this match

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

to see TWO attacking teams in action and not to steal people's money by giving them nothing."

Docherty revealed that he will turn Olympic's powerful midfielder, Peter Katholos loose up front for this match. Katholos will play as a striker for the first time for many years.

I feel this could prove an excellent shift as Katholos has the close-ball skills required to hold the ball and is equipped with strong shooting ability with either boot.

Olympic fans will relish the opportunity of having their team play their "away" match at the St George Stadium, as this season Olympic will have another five matches at home and 11 away from July . . . which is ridiculous.

Sydney Olympic's outstanding World Youth centre-back, Tony Dakos, plus Jimmy Patikas will be back on deck.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

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WOLLONGONG CITY Vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC

St George Stadium • Rockdale
JUNE 21, TUESDAY NIGHT

Kick-Off — 8PM

N.S.L. YOUTH TEAM

Kick-Off — 6PM

Referee: Tim Davies.



PHIL O'CONNOR



WILLIE WALLACE



CHRIS DUNLEAVY



WOLLONGONG WOLVES



TOMMY DOCHERTY



SYDNEY OLYMPIANS



PETER KATHOLOS



GRAHAME JENNINGS



PETER RASKOPULOS

A MILLIONAIRE IN FOUR YEARS

GOAL-HUNGRY Charlie Nicholas aims to become a millionaire in four years at Arsenal.

His move from Glasgow Celtic will multiply his wages six times over.

At Highbury, he'll get a fat \$180,000 a year, which makes him Britain's top-paid player — \$600 a week more than Manchester United pay England captain Bryan Robson.

Commercial deals are expected to balloon the income of the private company he has set up — Charlie Nicholas (Scotland) Ltd — to a million pounds by the time he's 25 and his four-year contract with Arsenal is up.

Already there are deals to endorse football boots,

pose for an autumn fashion range, make a cassette on Soccer, promote a range of cars, have magazine articles ghost-written and make a TV documentary.

Why Arsenal instead of Manchester United or Liverpool?

"The turning point was a long conversation Charlie had with Don Howe," said agent Bev Walker.

"Some people reckon Howe has a reputation as a defensive coach, and Charlie was a bit worried about that."

"But Howe made it clear that Charlie wouldn't be expected to keep dropping back. He's not there to defend. He's at Arsenal to do what he does best — score goals."



Robson: headache

CANCEL ALL FIRST DIV GAMES BEFORE DENMARK CLASH, SAYS ROBSON

BOBBY ROBSON, the England manager, faces another club v country squabble when he returns home.

He and top F.A. officials backed the wrong horse by believing Hungary rather than Denmark would be the greatest threat to England qualifying for the finals of the European Championship in France next season.

Robson now wants the Football League to cancel all First Division games on the Saturday before England's clash with Denmark, who visit Wembley on September 21.

It is now obvious that the biggest danger to England comes from the Danes following their 3-1 win over Hungary in a

superb game in Copenhagen.

The Football League, who had agreed to a blank Saturday before England meet Hungary in Budapest on October 12, are ready to resist the switch.

Next season's fixture list is in an advanced stage of preparation, and the attitude at League headquarters is "the F.A. can't keep mucking us about."

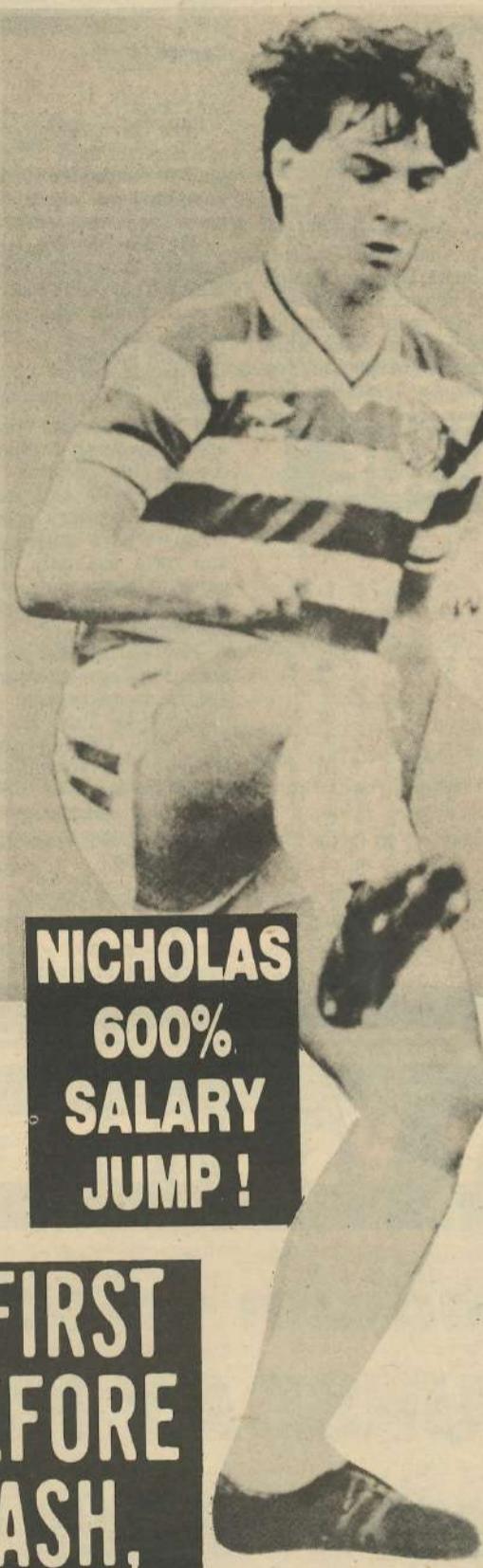
England need to win at Wembley, for while they head Group 3 with eight points from five games, the Danes are lurking a point behind with a match in hand.

Dave Sexton, in Australia as Robson's right-hand man, says: "We'll beat them at Wembley, no problems."

"We have the men and method to put the Danish defence under far more pressure than the Hungarians did."

But Sexton admits to being impressed with the individual skills of the Danes, especially the exciting Soren Lerby, who has just picked up a fortune by moving from Ajax to Bayern Munich.

Jesper Olsen and Allan Simonsen, the talented old fox, also will prove a menace to England's back four, he concedes.



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WITH THE National League suspended for the Australia — England series, it was a pleasant surprise to see that the clubs did not use the Youth League as a means to keep players fit at the expense of the regular young

BY PETER RUSSELL

players. In fact, if anything, there were fewer senior players playing than normally.

In the League itself, leaders Sydney City continued their winning way at the expense of Canberra, AIS returned to winning form with the return of their Young Socceros from Mexico while Newcastle slammed in five against a travel weary Wollongong.

At Hawker Oval, ACT the Slickers accounted for a lacklustre Canberra Arrows 2-1. Scoring opportunities fell to the Slickers strikers with monotonous regularity, but they failed to find their mark with the same regularity.

Young mid-fielder Graeme Patterson showed the way in the 32nd minute with a fine 30 metre drive.

Then Canberra struck back, scoring in their first real attack of the game. Andrew Young put them on level terms from six metres after the Slickers defence had failed to clear.

The second half followed the same pattern with numerous chances being missed by the Slickers. Graeme Fletcher finally succeeded in the 81st minute when he drove on from ten metres.

At Newcastle, the Northerners easily accounted for their 'Steel City' cousins Wollongong 5-0. The Wolves lads were no doubt hampered by the fact that they arrived late for the kick off, forcing them to run straight from their bus to the dressing rooms and straight onto the pitch for the match.

The game was highlighted by four goals from leading scorer Tony Caban, which included a penalty. This puts Tony clear as the League's leading scorer with 13.

At Pratten Park, high flying Olympic were brought down to earth by Jimmy Shoulders AIS side 2-0. Despite the two

SYDNEY CITY STAY ON TOP

goal margin it was a fairly even game, with lots of end to end action.

In the first half Olympic created many scoring chances but the only goal went, to AIS when Glenn Cameron sent a dipping shot past keeper Peter Wilson from 20 metres.

The second half belonged to AIS who took command and created several chances but failed to put them away until Luciano Fabrizio nipped

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

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| Newcastle | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 19 |
| Olympic | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 17 |
| Canberra | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 16 |
| A.I.S. | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 15 |
| St George | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 14 |
| Wollongong | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 29 | 7 |
| Leichhardt | 11 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 24 | 6 |

MAY 17, 1986

WORLD CUP KICK-OFF

THE World Cup may be three years away but already FIFA has a provisional date for the opening ceremony and first match.

It's May 17, 1986.

That is a little early... mid-June is more normal... but the organisers are hoping they will be able to arrange a May 17 kickoff.

A Mexican Football Federation spokesman said: "The only problem is with European nations because many of their competitions go on until the end of May."

Now the Mexicans are trying to persuade the Europeans to end their competitions early in 1986.

FIFA president Joao Havelange has again stated that Mexico should be able to run a very successful World Cup, pointing out that all facilities are available and, most important, Mexico has the crowd support to make the Cup a money-spinner.

In 1986, as in 1982, there will again be 24 finalists, with each Con-

federation supplying the same number as in Spain last year.

All details concerning the World Cup will be hammered out before Christmas when FIFA holds its December meeting in Zurich.



Brazil beat Switzerland 2-1 in Basle, despite being a goal behind for much of the match. Egli put the Swiss ahead with a penalty kick in the first half, but Socrates (penalty) equalised in the 70th minute and Carera produced the winning goal three minutes from full-time.

PSV Eindhoven won the Korean President's Cup, beating South Korea 3-2 in an exciting final. Third place went to Ghana, who had a convincing win (5-0) against the USA.

BLACKTOWN HITS OUT AT NSW EXEC

By KEITH GILMOUR

BLACKTOWN CITY Soccer Club is extremely restive over the failure of the NSW Soccer Federation Executive to provide the NSW First Division clubs with the Na-

Thorne said: "The NSW Executive has, to my knowledge, had 12 days to pass the reports on to the clubs.

"The Executive themselves have had plenty of time to examine the plans because the NSL presented it on May 7.

"To say the least my club is extremely disappointed that no action has been taken. The Executive apparently has its own priorities but we believe that the proposals should be to the betterment of the game."

Blacktown is adamant that its future is in a regionalised National League competition. Mr

Thorne says it has been the club's view for the past three or four years.

Mr Thorne added that he felt sure that neither his club nor any other NSW First Division club knows of any current NSW Federation Executive plan for competition improvements.

Blacktown City says it has a huge investment in Soccer and young Australian players and that they must be in the highest grade of Australian Soccer.

The club emphasises that it cannot afford to pump money into the game for minimal returns.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HAS PROBLEMS IN STH. AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

SOUTH AUSTRALIA now looks like joining NSW and Victoria in torpedoing the National League in its present format — or on a regionalised basis.

While the SA Soccer Federation Board and interested clubs are studying proposals drawn up by the NSL and ASF marketing divisions, another proposal for a new-look SA League is being prepared by secretary, Peter Nikolic.

"I can't reveal any details, but we will have a plan to put to the clubs on the future of SA Soccer.

and where we think it should be going," said Mr Nikolic.

Victoria has already invited its NSL clubs to join a "Super League" for next year, and NSW has made no secret of the fact that wants the five NSL clubs back in a local competition — super or otherwise.

It is understood the SA plan is for a national competition "of sorts" at the end of the local seasons.

There would be play-offs between the top four teams in each State to decide the national champions.

While they proudly fly the NSL flag and engage in a cold war with local Federation clubs, many officials are beginning to feel the strain of continually chasing cash.

This is particularly so

AT the Sydney Cricket Ground the England Soccer machine came to a grinding halt in the first of the three-match series.

It was a big performance by our Socceroos and ever though it was not a great match to watch, the 0-0 score was a marvellous achievement for Australia.

We went into the game branded "no-hoppers" and everyone was forecasting a runaway victory for England: but we stopped them dead in their tracks and caused the upset no one thought possible.

We played a defensive game simply because we had to but then England are seasoned in the international arena and should be used to coming up against defensive tactics.

They were prepared to sit back and let us play the ball about at the back and, for all their class and ability, showed little imagination when coming forward.

In fact, the most exciting moments of the game were produced by Australia and in the end we could have shocked the world by snatching the winner.

Everyone of our players did his job on the day but I feel Steve O'Connor and David Ratcliffe were outstanding as they completely blotted out Trevor Francis and Luther Blissett.

Apart from Francis, the rest of the England team failed dismally and I feel greater credit could have been given to Australia for not allowing England to settle.

It was fantastic to play in front of a large crowd and I'm sure the atmosphere helped our players raise their game.

It's a pity we can't attract a lot of these people to our NSL games. Our week in camp before the game also helped. It took me back to the days when I was a full-time pro in the UK.

So much can be achieved both in the tactical and physical sense, when you are full-time.

Without this sort of preparation we would have been given a hiding.

Would someone please explain to me why there were so many empty seats in the various stands when all the seats were supposed to have been sold?

I had many calls from friends saying that they couldn't get tickets from Mitchell Bass. Where were all the tickets? How many people didn't go because they couldn't get tickets?

Even our own players were given a paltry two tickets each because of the so-called sell-out.

Someone, somewhere knows the answer.

It probably wasn't noticeable to the fans but the surface in the centre of the pitch of the SCG is a joke. For 40 yards in any direction from the centre of the pitch the surface is like concrete and this did not help the players to perform.

Why we continue to play games at this ground beats me.

If this is Sunday's best then lets take all our future internationals to Melbourne where in Olympic Park we have a REAL ground.

WATSON'S



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GOALKEEPER SCORES AMAZING GOAL

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

JUVENTUS-PIONEER opened up a three point lead in Tasmania's Cadbury State League when it thrashed University 6-1, and second-placed Olympia lost 1-3 to Rapid-Wrest Point.

Gary Jenkins gave University a shock lead in the 32nd minute but a fine goal by Darren Bacon six minutes later marked the beginning of an Italian goal feast.

The entree came two minutes before the break when Steve Craven, the Juventus goalkeeper, scored a stunning goal with a long kick from the edge of his penalty area.

The ball sailed into University's penalty area and bounced over a stunned Steve Darby and into the net! Amazingly enough, it is the second such goal that Craven has scored, the first being for his non-league club several years ago in England.

Second-half goals by Ward (2), Ambrosino and Charlton completed the rout.

Olympia started off in fine style against champion Rapid-Wrest Point when Perry Forster clipped the ball home off the

underside of the crossbar in the 17th minute but Blake's equaliser on the half hour turned the tide.

Cook put Rapid in front in the 51st minute after Morgan had prised open the Greek defence and Olympia's centre-back,

Michael Sherman, added insult to injury when he smashed the ball into his own net past a bewildered Robert Harrison while attempting a clearance five minutes from time.

Croatia, fielding only one of its Sydney imports in Jim Meerban (Hammond came on in the second half), comfortably beat Caledonians 4-2 with Neil Thomas grabbing a hat-trick. This win, together with Olympia's defeat, put Croatia into second place.

White Eagles missed a penalty and this cost it dearly as it slumped to a 1-2 defeat to Metro-Claremont.

Eagles remain at the

foot of the table but must be favoured to overtake University soon, even if only by virtue of a better goal difference.

DETAILS: Metro-Claremont beat White Eagles 2-1, Rapid-Wrest Point beat Olympia 3-1, Juventus-Pioneer beat University 6-1, Croatia-Glenorchy beat Caledonians 4-2.

There was only one real surprise in the quarter finals of the Statewide Cup competition played on the Queen's Birthday Monday holiday. That occurred when lowly White Eagles defeated Rapid-Wrest Point 2-1.

Rapid scored from a very dubious penalty but a goal by veteran Norm Stanton levelled the score. Stanton popped up again with nine minutes remaining and his right-wing cross was fired home by Godfrey.

In the match of the day, Juventus-Pioneer repeated its league effort against Croatia by winning 3-0 through goals by Ward, Ambrosino and Pace.

All the goals came in a 15 minute period after half-time

DETAILS: White Eagles beat Rapid-Wrest Point 2-1, Juventus-Pioneer beat Croatia-Glenorchy 3-0, Metro-Claremont beat University 2-0, Devonport beat Burnie 6-2.

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A VISIT FROM WEST GERMANY ON THE CARDS

A WEST German under 16 girls team could be coming to play in the east coast region of Australia next year.

A letter has been received by the Executive of the Australian Women's Soccer Association asking for details and available grounds for the visitors who hope to make the trip from July 19 to August 20 next year.

Two requests for the Under 15 Championships for 1984 were received by the Australian Secretary recently. Tasmania put in a strong bid as did Northern NSW. Despite the strong influx of girls in this age group in the Tasmanian schools, it was thought that encouragement should be given to Nthn. N.S.W. where junior girl's soccer is just-

starting to appear in the country areas. The possible location of the Championships for the Under 15 group will be Gosford on the Central Coast of N.S.W.

The Australian Association will have a distinctive flag on show at the Nationals in Perth this year.

It will be dark green with a map of Australia in the centre supported by a kangaroo and an emu. A ceremony similar to the handing over the Olympic Flag is being worked out for incorporation into the last days play of the Championships.

Whilst on the subject of

the Nationals, it has been suggested that as most of Australia's overseas commitments will be around the later part of the year in future, consideration be given to bringing the dates of the Australian Championships forward slightly so that girls chosen in the National squad will have more time to prepare.

Quite a number have requested a timetable for locations and years where the Nationals will be held in future. The A.W.S.A. has given me the following: — A.C.T. in 1984. Victoria in 1985. South Australia in 1986. Northern Territory in 1987. Nthn. N.S.W. in 1988. Tasmania in 1989. Nth. Queensland in 1990 and N.S.W. in 1991.

RASIC OUT, AROK IN

IS IT not strange that so many people applauded Frank Arok for getting that 0-0 draw for Australia against England in Sydney?

Arok deliberately set out to stop England playing football. He had no intention of trying to win the match.

Nine years ago, another Australian coach also used defensive tactics in the World Cup in Germany. He has been severely criticised ever since — and has never handled Australia's team since.

Rale Rasic must be smiling. He was condemned but Arok is praised.

G. Mottram,
Fairfield.

WORK, NOT SNUBBED

IT HAS been said that Sydney snubbed the Young Socceroos on their return from Mexico.

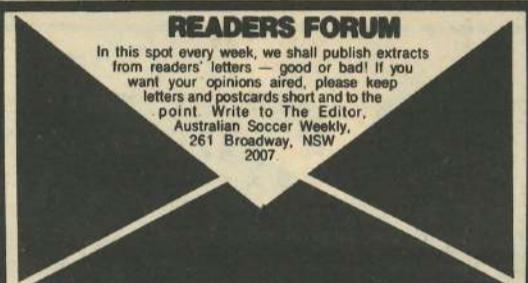
That is silly. How many people can get to Sydney Airport at 9am on a working Tuesday? If the team had qualified for the quarter finals, probably some people would have taken time off work to welcome the heroes home.

Even after failing to make the last eight in the World Youth Championship, the players would have been given a good welcome if they had flown in on a Saturday or Sunday.

M. Santi,
Wollongong.

ITALY, MALTA, HUNGARY AND SEBIAN II . . . !

IT is a pity one of your reporters wasn't at Melita Stadium on Monday Queens Birthday Holiday,



READERS FORUM

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attacking football, good saves, good goals. Wake up before its too late.

Thank you Fred for a job well done and a very entertaining day of good intelligent Soccer.

C. Perkins,
Sydney.

SOCER'S DISEASE

IT WAS with utter amazement, tinged with sadness and a good measure of disgust, that I read Charlie Perkins' outburst in last week's Australian Soccer Weekly.

That there are problems between the ASF and the ABC is well known to everyone interested in the sport of Soccer. I am amazed, though, that Mr Perkins might think it helpful to Soccer's cause to attempt to destroy the professional career of ABC Director of Sporting Programs, Derek White.

My sadness is induced by this recurring disease of Australian Soccer, an attitude which seeks to claim a place in the sporting sun of Australia through the cheap denigration of other sports.

I hope the NSW federation will give Fred the green light as this should be good promotion for Soccer in NSW.

I wish this tournament was on Sunday at the Cricket Ground in place of the England/Australia game.

When are some of these so-called top coaches and managers going to wake up to the fact that people don't want to be bored with defensive play?

They like to see action,

BLACKTOWN SPURS A KNOCKOUT

ONE of the success stories in women's soccer this week is about a club team from the Blacktown City Soccer association. They are the Blacktown Spurs, coached by Fred Purrer.

This team has had a remarkable run of success since they came together in the Blacktown association.

They have won the 1982 club competition, the Round Robin knockout series and were runner-up in the Champion of the Champions tournament.

Before coming to Blacktown, the team also won the Nepean District competition three years running, absolutely undefeated. They were Champion of Champions

NSL with almost monotonous regularity lately.

Furthermore, Australian basketball did rather well to reach fifth ranking in the World Championships in Colombia last August; I eagerly look forward to the Socceroos rating equally high.

It is these final points which make me feel disgusted with Mr Perkins' outpourings.

Will the day ever come when our Soccer administrators get around to achieving their aims and ideals on the merits of the sport itself, rather than through attempted denigration and vilification of other sports and people who have nothing to do with their chaotic setup?

Until that day arrives Soccer officials such as Mr Perkins will be categorised as whingers, and we all know what

CHRIS, THE WINNER

THE first monthly award for the Sth. Queensland "Player of the month" contest has been announced. The winner is Christine Roberts. She is a 20 year old hairdresser and turns out for the second division team of Leichhardt Eagles as a striker.



Women in Soccer

By Don Balmain



Top (l to r): V. Lawless, J. Dae, H. Laidlaw, J. Brow, W. George, T. Powell, R. Rothwell, S. Azzopardy, B. Derek (Coach). Below (l to r): K. Steiner, Elaine, L. Lane, E. Health, L. Brown, K. McCarthy, A. Mortimer, Ros. Donelly.

even when playing for Mount Druitt.

The Blacktown City representative team comprises of most of the girls in the Spurs team. So far in club competition, the team has scored 34 goals and only 2 against in five games.

The girls in the Representative team from Spurs are: — Rose Donnelly; Anna Mortimer; Robyn Rothwell; Wendy George; Joanne Dae; Jackie Brown; Elisa Heath and Margaret Clarke.

A presentation evening similar to the final night gathering at the Australian Championships has been planned by the Northern N.S.W. COMMITTEE.

Amid great jubilation, their three state squads were announced to a packed ballroom at the Golden Eagle Motel in Gateshead.

THE Northeners Under 17 squad will travel to Darwin for their inaugural tournament for their pre-season 1984 games.

Australians think of that species.

PETER SCOTT,
General Manager.
NSW Basketball Assoc.

WHO'S RUNNING NSL?

I COULDNT agree more with Stephen Bradberry as regards Sydney Olympic and the NSL Committee.

To add to that, Marconi asked the first time for cancellation of a match with a couple of players overseas and at least four injured.

Well, what do you think we had — the same. The committee then said play the next week. Then the Marconi officials crawled to the NSL and asked for it to be put off for the same reason, and we had

Irene Sneyd, the Nthn. N.S.W. Publicity Officer,

says that this will mean a lot of training in the off-season for the girls and it is possible that girls selected in this age group will also gain selection in their open age side to play in Canberra as well.

Once selected, the Senior Rep. state side will have a week in camp under the intense tuition of their State Coach, Mrs. Lionel Sneyd.

Whilst in camp the team will be playing against a select team from Oroville, California who will be visiting Australia at that time.

At present, Northern has five branches affiliated with it. They range from the Central Coast, north of the Hawkesbury River, Macquarie (Newcastle); Tamworth; Armidale and the Far North Coast which is based at Lismore.

Mrs. Sneyd tells us that although it is well known that there are women's teams playing in Coff's

Harbour and other country towns, the Northern N.S.W. Committee has difficulty in contacting people willing to assist in forming sub-associations.

1000 DOZEN CAKES

A LAMINGTON drive of huge proportions will be the main money maker for the N.S.W. State team this year.

Faced with raising almost \$900 per girl in their efforts to regain the Medibank Trophy, the girls have a projected number of one thousand dozen of Australia's national cake as their goal. Alan Lytton's response to girls trying out for the State squad has been little short of embarrassing. Since he made the call over two months ago, there were 38 to 45 girls turning out in all weathers to gain selection.

pitch was absolute stupidity.

Imagine, if you can, any top European team being asked to play on a ground that has markings all over from Rugby Union and Australian Rules, a cricket pitch in the middle and where one game of Soccer had already been played and a game of Rugby Union the day previous. Whatever the Sydney Cricket Ground is, it is not a top Soccer ground.

What makes the situation all the more laughable is, that, in Canberra unused and unwanted is the best Soccer ground in Australia.

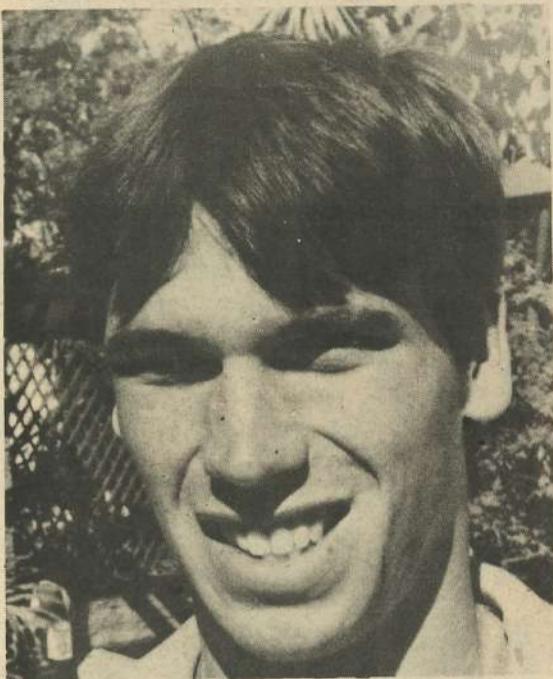
If the game had been played on the Monday at Bruce Stadium the ASF would have still got the 20,000 crowd plus a playing surface conducive to good Soccer.

Mr Duffy, ACT.

HAVING SAT through 90 minutes of torture, courtesy of CTC 7, of the England-Australia game from Sydney, I could not help but notice the superb (?) playing surface at the SCG.

To expect a team of professionals to produce anything approaching good football on such a

VICTORIA REPORTING



Franken (above) and Jones (left): good performances. Hummel (right) injured but consistent.



FRANKEN AND JONES FOR GRABS

THE performances of Anthony Franken and Roy Jones in the World Youth Championship have ensured that both players will not be short of offers when they do decide to leave the Institute of Sport to start their senior careers.

Both players hail from Western Australia and both have already said they must leave Perth to further their careers... so it is now up to the clubs seeking a top keeper and a good full-back to make their move.

Franken emerged from the shadows of Chris Hummel on a hot and steamy night in Cartago just north of San Jose in Costa Rica.

The keeper had trained with the Youth squad almost exclusively as a tourist for 13 months getting a miserable total of one international appearance - against Saprissa also in Costa Rica - for his troubles.

But with Hummel still not fully recovered from a shoulder injury and with his confidence almost certainly affected through failing to establish himself as Canberra's first choice, the Perth youngster got a second chance and made no mistake on that warm Thursday night in Costa Rica.

The keeper pulled off a

great flying save to deny Cartago an almost certain goal and he did not look back from then on.

Franken and his goalposts were largely responsible for the 1-1 draw against Mexico. With the Socceroos already 0-1 down the keeper pulled off two great saves off Paul Moreno, then depended on the posts to keep out three screamers before again coming to the rescue with two more saves off Bernal and Moreno after Australia had drawn level.

For the Scotland encounter, the keeper was violently sick on the night before and the morning of the game and coach Les Scheinflug was in two minds on whether to use him or not.

But Franken justified his selection dealing comfortably with the Scots' long range efforts and then pulling off the save of the match from Eric Black in the 76th minute.

Against Korea, he may have been slightly off line for the first goal but real fault lies with a defensive mix-up involving Ralph Maier, Jim Patikas and Tom McCulloch which allowed the Korean the free shot at goal from outside the area.

Later in the match Franken stood between

an avalanche of goals diving at the feet of Korean strikers and pulling off two brilliant saves to keep Australia in with a chance till the final whistle although the equalising goal never came.

Before the competition, there was some doubt about his ability to handle big matches but the youngster dispelled that and even now he would walk into most National League sides.

Jones would have to be the unluckiest person in the Australian Youth squad.

The strapping gentle giant started the tour as the number one choice at left-back but his position was one of those always under threat through the presence of another player in the squad competing for the one spot.

In this case it was

young defender Joe Rizzotto who has established himself as a regular

Rizzotto got his chance against Punta Arenas, but Jones appeared to have wrested the position back in the second game in Costa Rica.

And he played the game of his life against Mexico.

Les Scheinflug however recalled Rizzotto for a specific marking job for the following game and Jones was unable to get back in the side.

The 6ft 4in defender says he will finish his second year at the Institute before joining a senior club.

The team that will eventually get him can rest assured of loyalty plus, and character galore from one of the most likable persons you'd ever wish to meet.

VRZINA NEEDS STRIKER

NORTHCOTE City after a recent spell of heavy defeats have improved their position in the State League to be seventh.

One of the reasons why Northcote have lifted themselves has been the improved attitude in effort by the players.

But coach-manager Tony Vrzina still has his problems up front where he is desperately looking for a striker.



Tony Vrzina

YARRAVILLE COULD BE SET FOR BIG LEAGUE

VSF BOSS ILL

MICHAEL Weinstein, chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, is indisposed and has been confined to a hospital bed.

He has been ordered by his doctor to take no part in Soccer activities until he receives the all clear.

FIRST Division Provisional League Yarraville look certain to be promoted to the Metropolitan League next year as they are undefeated after 13 games.

Manos Milius, the Hellenic Herald sport writer and coach of the side,

is looking forward to the big game with Bulleen (in third place) at the Veneto Club, Bulleen Road, on Saturday, June 25.

Yarraville have scored 14 goals in three matches and are the only undefeated side in the division.

HAMMY TAKES OVER DOVETON

STATE League club Doveton have appointed Hammy McMeekan as coach to replace Ernie Merrick who resigned from the job last week.

Hammy, who will be coaching in the State League for the first time, is looking forward to the task ahead of him and is hopeful that he can keep the team away from the relegation zone.

Ernie Merrick resigned as a result of the side's disappointing performances for the first half of the season, and felt that he was not able to get any more out of the players.

Vice-president John McFarland told me "Ernie has resigned as coach and it is not yet known whether he will continue to play on: he felt that a new man may add a little more enthusiasm to the team," said John.

Hammy is a well respected personality amongst both players and coaches and is sure to be a great asset to the club.

"We have got a few problems at the moment with the squad. There is a lack of

depth, and with the probable loss of Ernie from the playing side we will need to acquire a few players," said Hammy.

"John Dowie is another player who has expressed a desire to leave the club but I will be having a talk to him in the near future.

"He is a good player and I understand he wants to play at a better standard but we will wait and see what happens," said Hammy.

On the brighter side Doveton are hoping to sign Steve Gadsby who will fill the hole left by Merrick and is likely to play a sweeper's role.

McMeekan joins Doveton from Juventus where he was in charge of the reserves.

At the start of this season he was appointed assistant coach to John Gardiner at Croatia but moved across to Juventus shortly afterwards.

Although he has had a long playing career which saw him represent Australia on several occasions and included spells with Croatia and more recently with George Cross, Hammy will not be putting on his boots at Waratah Reserve.

"I still have a game with Lyndale in the Provisional League but the State League is too much for me now," he said.



Rizzotto: young defender



A section of the Official table. Australian caretaker coach Frank Arok is standing right.

THE St George Soccer Club, held a dinner in honour of the visiting England Soccer Team, at Soccer House, Mortdale.

The England squad was presented with gifts from the St George Club. Also as guests invited to the St George dinner, was the travelling England Press group numbering 11...

The guests were wined and dined a six course dinner.



England manager Bobby Robson (centre) flanked by ASW sportswriters Keith Gilmour (right) and John Economos (left).

YOUNG SOCCEROO René Licata won't forget his meeting with American film star Lou Gossett for a long time.

When Licata walked up to Gossett in the Krystal Hotel in Mexico City he was sure that the man in question was the lead singer of pop group Hot Chocolate.

Licata said: "I remember you when your group was at the Marconi club."

Suddenly Licata realised he had erred and some of his team mates roared laughing in the hotel foyer.

Gossett just laughed.

Gossett is best known for his role in the TV series Roots and he won best supporting actor for his performance in An Officer And A Gentleman.



René Licata: embarrassed

STEVE AMOS, former West Adelaide and Brisbane Lions midfielder who returned to SA State League team Para Hills, will not be signed by Adelaide City.

The tough "motor man" has been training with the NSL club, but they refused to pay the \$2,000 Para wanted for his transfer.

Amos was considering buying out his contract, but changed his mind and is now a spectator.

away.

They have borrowed St George Stadium for their deferred clash with Sydney Olympic and hope to attract supporters of other Sydney clubs as well as Olympic fans.

Some of their regular supporters at Ziemer Park are disgruntled by the move but officials have arranged for at least three buses to take people from Wollongong to the game.



Tim Brown: on loan?

to retain all their stars — for the big push.

LEICHHARDT's great right-back prospect Paul Carter expects to be back in service in a couple of weeks. The youngster has been recovering from a bout of glandular fever. Carter started out in the great Bankstown Soccer nursery and gained a place in Auburn's lower grades and then reached the first team at just 15 years of age. As an under 16 he played for Australia in the Lions Cup in Singapore. With his robust defence and overlapping he quickly reached a place in the Leichhardt team.

WEST ADELAIDE's Tim Brown, in and out of the team — and out more often than in, is a candidate to go on loan to SA State League club Campbelltown.

But West are having second thoughts about releasing him. After winning the Second Division title last year, the NSL reserve side is in line for the First Division crown this year, and West want

NEWCASTLE folk know the potential of Mike Boogaard, who this year broke into the Newcastle KB first team.

He is a resourceful player, goes in well with his head, and he certainly knows how to pass a ball. Some may remember that he was with the Australian Youth team in Paraguay in 1979.

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KEEN football administrator Karen Grega of the Canberra Arrows is vitally interested in seeing young Australian players making their mark in National League Soccer. She says: "Happily it is now the in thing for club officials to select five or six players from the junior ranks and these youngsters are making their presence felt in the first teams. It will cost us something in standards as they settle in, but it won't be long until the clubs involved receive their pay-off. These young players give everything for their clubs."

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IT MAKES the current crowds look rather sick.

Steve Herczeg, former Adelaide Juventus and Budapest star, who also played for Australia, recalls playing against Melbourne Juventus in Victoria for the Australia Cup back in '60s in front of 37,000 spectators!

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WOLLONGONG CITY midfielder Jim McBreen was the man of the moment when his team drew 2-2 with Adelaide City in Adelaide recently.

His team were struggling at 2-0 down at half-time, but McBreen scored two late goals to give them a point.

McBreen returned to Wollongong this year after a spell with Leichhardt and made his own special bit of history with the South Coast club.

It was McBreen who scored Wollongong City's first-ever National League goal — in the 3-1 win over Sydney Olympic at Wollongong Showground.

Coach Willie Wallace put McBreen in an attacking role in Adelaide and it paid off.

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ADELAIDE CITY fans, who at one stage earlier in the year criticised the club for having too many players, got a rude awakening recently.

Coach Bobby Ferguson had to dig striker Joe Mullen out of a hospital bed to sit on the bench against Wollongong.

Les Carter (knee), Charlie Villani (ankle) and Phil Cole (ankle) could not play and the reserve team was involved in a local Federation Cup-tie.

Mullen has had a recurring stomach virus since his tour with the Youth Socceroos in Mexico last season, and was in hospital for observation when he got the call from Ferguson.

Luckily no one was injured, so Joe stayed on the bench.



Robbie Slater: knows



ST GEORGE striker Robbie Slater is quite philosophical over missing a place in the National Youth team in Mexico. And Saints' coach Frank Arok believes he has one of the best talents in Australia. As Frank puts it: "He simply knows what to do. He does not have to be told."

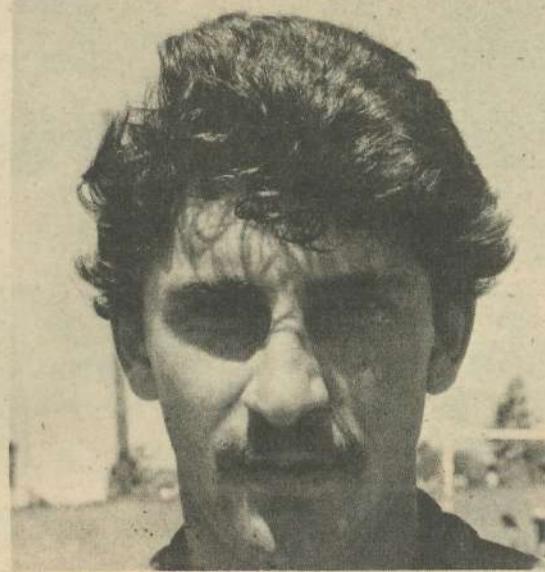
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NATCH VARDAREFF had to wait 12 months but he is back in the Wollongong City team in place of Jim Preston.

Last season, Vardareff injured an elbow and Preston regained his first team spot and has held it ever since.

Vardareff has played some games in the Youth team but at one stage was disillusioned with NSL Soccer and was considering a move.

He is now happy he stayed because he was re-



Natch Vardareff: return

called for the Adelaide City game and did very well.

He had no chance with either of the two Adelaide

goals, one a penalty, and made two very good saves when his team was under pressure.

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR COCA-COLA CUP PLAYED IN MEXICO JUNE 2-19, 1983

GROUP "A"

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| MEXICO 1 | AUSTRALIA 1 |
| SCOTLAND 2 | KOREA 0 |
| MEXICO 1 | KOREA 2 |
| AUSTRALIA 2 | SCOTLAND 1 |
| MEXICO 0 | SCOTLAND 1 |
| KOREA 2 | AUSTRALIA 1 |

1st in Group ... SCOTLAND
2nd in Group ... KOREA

GROUP "B"

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| POLAND 7 | IVORY COAST 2 |
| URUGUAY 3 | USA 2 |
| USA 1 | IVORY COAST 0 |
| URUGUAY 3 | POLAND 1 |
| POLAND 2 | USA 0 |
| IVORY COAST 0 | URUGUAY 0 |

1st in Group ... URUGUAY
2nd in Group ... POLAND

GROUP "C"

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| ARGENTINA 5 | CHINA 0 |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4 | AUSTRIA 0 |
| ARGENTINA 3 | AUSTRIA 0 |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA 3 | CHINA 2 |
| ARGENTINA 2 | CZECHOSLOVAKIA 0 |
| CHINA 3 | AUSTRIA 0 |

1st in Group ... ARGENTINA
2nd in Group ... CZECHOSLOVAKIA

GROUP "D"

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| NIGERIA 1 | SOVIET UNION 0 |
| HOLLAND 1 | BRAZIL 1 |
| BRAZIL 3 | NIGERIA 0 |
| HOLLAND 3 | SOVIET UNION 2 |
| BRAZIL 2 | SOVIET UNION 1 |
| NIGERIA 0 | HOLLAND 0 |

1st in Group ... BRAZIL
2nd in Group ... HOLLAND

QUARTER FINALS

POLAND 1 SCOTLAND 0 KOREA 2 URUGUAY 1
ARGENTINA 2 HOLLAND 1 BRAZIL 4 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1

SEMI FINALS

POLAND 0 ARGENTINA 1 KOREA 1 BRAZIL 2

THIRD PLACE MATCH

POLAND 2 KOREA 1

COCA-COLA CUP FINAL

ARGENTINA 0 BRAZIL 1

Arok:
negative
tactics,
or
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moves?



TOP GAME BY SOCCEROOS

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

BRISBANE CITY OUTFOXES LEICHHARDT

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BRISBANE CITY midfielder Bobby Hamilton won't score a more important goal than the one that sealed Leichhardt's fate in Saturday's wet weather thriller at Pratten Park.

He produced a superb goal in an epic encounter in which a superbly drilled Brisbane defence held out with glory for a 1-0 result against a continual run of Leichhardt attacks.

The game opened in intermittent rain which latter turned to downpours. It finished under floodlights as the rain pelted down and visibility became poorer and poorer.

The goal chances ran three-to-one in Leichhardt's favour throughout the game but a splendid shot from Hamilton was the decider.

The Queenslanders were under punishing pressure when Hamilton sized up the situation admirably to run on to a ball through the middle in the 29th minute.

Seeing Leichhardt goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse in No-Man's-Land, he aimed his shot just far enough above Woodhouse's fingertips yet nicely tucked it below the bar.

Earlier Tony Morsello and Peter Tredinnick had severely tested the new Brisbane goalkeeper Ray Dunlop and he was not found wanting.

Young Mark Brown was putting in some testing runs and well-placed crosses from left-back.

And Bradley was at the end of an imposing Leichhardt movement but all he produced on this occasion was a divot.

Just after Hamilton's goal a Bradley header missed by a whisker. It also went marginally wide of Morsello who was camped in a second-to-none position on the right post.

Peter Jones, returning to the side after injury, steered a short cross from Morsello around the post, no doubt because Brisbane City defender Peter Tokesi had the pressure right on him.

Gary Bromfield and Billy Williamson both made good attempts as their team went into half-time with an encouraging goal lead.

Morsello, Jones and the superbly skilled Johann



Bobby Hamilton scored the match winning goal for Brisbane City in their 1-0 victory over Leichhardt.

Scharmann kept pecking away without success, but midway in the half Brisbane City were winning the ball for the first time and coming out with some enterprising right wing raids.

Those Brisbane defenders won everything in the air and there were ample defenders on hand to charge down most of the Leichhardt shots.

The crowd got their money's worth as they huddled in the stand or stood under umbrellas along the seats or against the distant brick boundary walls.

In the 77th minute Dunlop swallowed up yet another Morsello drive. Only 26 and formerly with Hearts, Dunlop was acting as goalkeeping coach when Kim Wishart was in Melbourne with the Australian team and young Glenn Ahearn had broken a leg.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Brown, Mariani, Bottalico, Gray, Scharmann, Butler, Tredinnick, Morsello, Bradley, Jones (de Ceglie 57m). BRISBANE CITY: Dunlop, Kowtan, Wilkinson, Tokesi, Hughes, Bow, Hamilton, Bromfield, Falco (Conner 71m), Glockner, Williamson. Referee: P. Rampley. Crowd: 750.

Australia held England to a 1-all draw at Olympic Park to end a three-game series on a very high note.

Frank Arok's enterprising Socceroos staged one of their best performances and upset their professional counterparts who admitted after the match they "were taken by surprise".

Trevor Francis opened the score for England after 24 minutes with a powerful shot from inside the box which gave Terry Greedy no time to react.

England full-back Phil Neal levelled the score four minutes later with an "own goal" turning into the net a Watson cross from the right. Neal was penalised by England manager, Bobby Robson, losing his position to Thomas in the second half.

The game developed into an even battle after the



Happy captain John Kosmina

first 30 minutes with Australia becoming more enterprising through the midfield.

South Melbourne defender, Alan Davidson and Sydney City's winger, Joe Watson initiated a number of incisive attacks forcing the English defence to fight desperately within their own area.

Australia may have capitalised on those attacks had captain John Kosmina found the gap between England's solid central defenders Terry Butcher and Russell Osmond.

The blond striker however was kept under close guard for most of the game forcing Phil O'Connor to battle it alone against the experienced opposition.

Unexpectedly, Bobby

Robson made two substitutions at the break leaving captain Peter Shilton and Phil Neal out of the side. Reserve

goalkeeper, Nigel Spink moved between the posts and Danny Thomas slotted into the right-back position... often joining Butcher and Osmond in the middle of the defence to foil Australia's attacks.

England were unlucky not to take the lead in the 69th minute when left winger John Barnes unleashed a piledriver from 30 yards out which rattled Greedy's cross-bar.

Trevor Francis squandered England's best scoring opportunity in the series, shooting a penalty kick over the cross-bar.

fouling butcher. Francis stood behind the ball and planted it into Greedy's left corner.

Much to the surprise of the spectators however, Johnston ordered Francis to retake the penalty.

Obviously upset, Francis sent the ball sailing over the bar well to the right, with his second shot.

Asked about the incident, referee Johnston explained after the game: "Francis took the penalty kick before I whistled for him to take it."

Frank Arok praised the Socceroos for their performance and reiterated his point that Australian Soccer is making progress in recent years.

Arok rejected suggestions that the Australian team had used ultra-defensive tactics and argued that they created a lot of scoring opportunities in the three matches played.

AUSTRALIA: Greedy; Davidson, Ratcliffe, S.O'Connor, Yankos, Jennings; Watson, Cant, Murphy; Kosmina, P. O'Connor.

ENGLAND: Shilton (Spink 45 m); Neal (Thomas 45 m), Butcher, Osmond, Pickering; Lee, Gregory, Cowans; Francis, Walsh (Blissett 69th m), Barnes.

REFEREE: J. Johnston.



John Barnes in action.

A PERFECT MODEL OF A TRUE PRO

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



Then I went straight into a few very quick questions

Q: How do you feel now you are the first choice England goalkeeper after being so many years in the shadow of Ray Clemence?

A: "It has really helped me a lot. The competition I mean. But the question is not really accurate. You see I was basically under three England managers... Alf Ramsey, Don Revie and Ron Greenwood.

"Under Ramsey I was the first choice goalkeeper and under Revie it was Clemence. But when Greenwood took England over, he kept switching us both so that we shared the England spot.

"Finally, Greenwood made me the first choice goalkeeper in the World Cup in Spain. But having said all this, you must understand that over the years, I did become more experienced and wiser to be able to become a better goalkeeper.

"You have to understand that a player at international level has to build his very own career. As well, he has to build his own confidence to that level."

Q: Why did you leave Nottingham Forest?

A: "As you know, we had good years at Forest winning many trophies under Brian Clough. But we also had many good players in those days.

"I still had one year of my contract to run but we lost several of these good players. For about 18 months after, we didn't have such a successful spell. Then the Southampton offer came and it gave me a chance to change my environment. Had I stayed for another year at Forest, I would have been a free player."

"Southampton wouldn't wait and manager Laurie McMenemy was happy to pay the transfer fee to Forest to get me."

Q: Main differences you found at Southampton as against Forest?

A: "It is a very friendly club there. They love

ENGLAND'S 33 year old captain Peter Shilton has to be one of the world's great goalkeepers, and possibly the best.

Six feet tall, with broad strong shoulders and a magnificent pair of safe hands, Shilton has denied the world's deadliest strikers, many goals.

This magnificent, modern-day goalkeeper, who has just toured Australia for the three-international series between England and the Socceroos, has climbed to the top in Soccer through sheer hard work... with extreme, fanatical determination.

Watching Shilton train in Sydney at Marks Field and the Cricket Ground, besides being most educational, was sheer magic; above all, it was an embarrassing lesson to all our own first division players.

The determination, self-motivation and constant drive that Shilton put into his training would put to shame all players in this country.

Is it any wonder that England's manager, Bobby Robson, told us in our interview last week: "Peter Shilton is one of the best professionals in the world today. A perfect model of a true professional who presents himself to a club, or national, manager completely prepared and ready for action."

After the first match with Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground, I spoke to Shilton for a few minutes at an after-match reception in the M.A.Noble Stand.

Peter came across as a very intelligent, clear thinking, honest, dedicated man who takes his profession very seriously.

So much so, that as he spoke to me, his big, dark eyes remained riveted on mine, scanning

them to see if his answers were being absorbed or taken lightly.

I wanted to interview the England captain there and then, but the England team had been given the night off and were in a great haste to get back to their Motel at Rushcutters Bay. The next morning, they were flying out early to Brisbane.

Shilton asked me: "Will you be going to Brisbane. Could we do the story up there?"

I answered I wouldn't be travelling north but would call him and do it by phone.

He agreed.

The next afternoon, I rang Shilton at his hotel

BIRTHDAY: September 18, 1949.

BORN: Leicester, UK

MAJOR CLUBS: Leicester City (signed as a 15 year old) and played there for eight years), Stoke City (three years) and then moved to Nottingham Forest for a period of five years under the management of Brian Clough.

Shilton still had another year of his contract to run with Forest, but Southampton wanted him and offered \$450,000 for him. Had he remained with Forest one more year, Shilton would have been entitled to a free transfer. But this way, Forest were able to command a fee for him and Southampton were more than pleased to pay it.

MARRIED: "Yes for 12 years to wife Sue. We have two boys (Michael 10 and Sam 5).

HEIGHT: "Six ft."

in Brisbane where he had just returned from a two-hour training session.

Although he was rushed, he went ahead with the interview as promised earlier in Sydney.

I asked Shilton for some information on his background, especially for our young readers who idolise him on television.

DID NOT MODEL MYSELF ON BANKS.

"Another goalkeeper I watched closely was Chelsea's Peter Bonetti, plus Russia's Lev Yashin. But I blended always my own ideas on the game.

"Banks' positional sense and approach was excellent. Bonetti's reflexes and zeal off his line always dominated crosses in the box.

"With Yashin, he typified to me a symbol of 'the unbeatable image' as he was always dressed in an all black strip. A charisma of the unbeatable."

Q: Who have been some of the best managers you have served under?

A: "I have enjoyed playing under all of them. I've played under Ramsey, Revie, Greenwood, Clough, Taylor, Robson and McMenemy."

Q: How does it feel being the captain of England?

A: "It is a strange feeling really, but I enjoy it very much as I like the responsibility. It was Bobby Robson who made me captain.

"But being captain of England is entirely diffe-

rent from being a club captain. It is more or less a status symbol whereas a club captain has at times the added responsibility of guiding younger, inexperienced players. But with the England team, they are all seasoned professionals and need little guidance."

Q: What was it like playing for England in the World Cup in Spain?

A: "Just tremendous. Not a spectacular record, we allowed one goal in five matches. We got knocked out of the Cup yet remained undefeated."

Q: Who possesses the hardest shot in England today?

A: "I don't look for that because it could be dangerous. It is also a difficult question. There are players like Souness, Case, all hard crackers of the ball. I don't bother with that. I treat every player's shot equally because if you tend to neglect somebody, he may just be likely to latch onto a ball and get a good hold of it and make a good hit with it. If I have neglected



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EXCLUSIVE



their football at Southampton and there is a great atmosphere there. At Nottingham Forest, they expect a lot from their team.

"Southampton has a family atmosphere, and a friendly basis in a friendly town."

Q: Goalkeepers you rate in England?

A: "Do you mind if I don't answer that question. I make it a rule not to talk about other goalkeepers in England."

Q: Well O.K. then how about other goalkeep-

ers in the world outside England?

A: "Same there too."

Q: In your younger days, you were understudy to the master, Gordon Banks. What kind of help was he to your career?

A: "When I signed as an apprentice with Leicester City, Gordon was there for one more year only. I was able to train with him there. I watched him very carefully and was fortunate to be able to understand his training. But I have to tell you this. I

have to tell you this. I

THE Socceroos continued their run of international losses in Brisbane when they were edged out by a single goal in the second Test against England at Lang Park, writes Greg Russell.

Australia has not won a full international in Brisbane since it beat New Zealand 4-1 in 1954, 29 years ago, and it is unlikely to get any better opportunity to register a win over such illustrious opposition.

Midfielder Jim Cant, fullback Alan Davidson and winger Phil O'Connor had chances to win hero status from the 16,000 Queensland crowd. But each squandered what appeared to be unmissable chances.

Cant got his chance early in the match when he played a delightful move with Joe Watson and John Kosmina - one of the most constructive moves of the match - and found himself bursting into the England penalty box.

With only keeper Peter Shilton to beat, Cant inexplicably took the ball to the byline and crossed it square in front of the goalmouth. Shilton had no trouble in diving forward and smothering the pass before an Australian could get within 10 metres of it.

Davidson seemed to have a gift goal at his mercy when the Australians took a quick free kick, awarded after Watson had been brutally brought down by Terry

Butcher just outside the English penalty box.

The South Melbourne defender, playing on the opposite side to his normal club position, was slipped the ball and, like Cant, only had Shilton to beat. But he appeared to hesitate to ensure he got in a good shot and that was all the seasoned Shilton needed.

He pounced at Davidson's feet and the opportunity was lost.

O'Connor's chance was the most difficult of the three but he had a free header inside the box. Although he twisted himself almost 180 degrees to get the right angle, the Wollongong striker could do no more than just steer his attempt fractionally wide.

The Australians, using their usual panic stations style, kicked the ball wildly around the penalty box without ever properly clearing it and were

penalised with Trevor Francis scoring from three metres.

The midfield of Cant, Watson and Peter



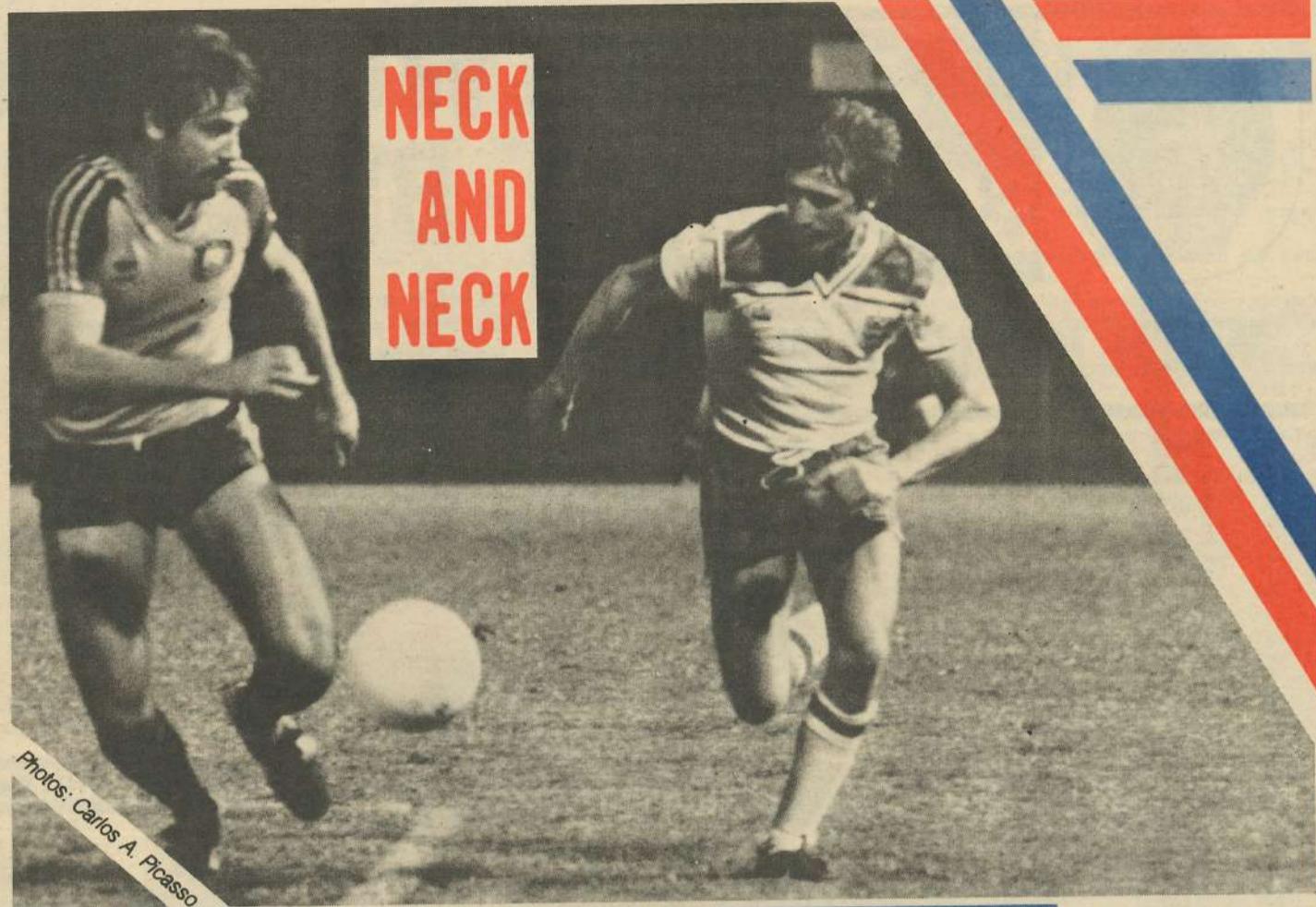
CONFRONTATION

Davidson (left) and Barnes defensive tactics.

O'Connor (right), Yankos (centre) and Gregory tumbling.



Yankos (left) faces Barnes (No 11). Davidson (No 2) moves out of picture.



Photos: Carlos A. Picasso



AUSTRALIA: Greedy, Davidson, Yankos, S. O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Jennings, Watson, Cant, Katholos (Murphy), P. O'Connor (Mitchell) Kosmina.



O'Connor (left) and Butcher (right) just prior to C'Connor's difficult header.

only a brilliant dive at Francis' feet by Socceroo' keeper Terry Greedy that prevented the Sampdoria striker from scoring early on.



ENGLAND: Shilton, Neal, Osman, Butcher, Statham (Williams), Cowans, Gregory, Barham, Francis, Walsh, Barnes.



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN



LADIES and girls Soccer is really making great strides in Australia and it is little wonder with dynamic personalities like Irene Sneyd behind the movement.

Irene, and husband Lionel, are well known to long-time Soccer people, being absolutely tireless in their work for the game.

Irene is involved with the Northern NSW and Australian Womens Soccer Federations and advises us that the following activities are planned for Northern NSW.

The Under 15's travel to Canberra on July 15

and play from the 16th till the 18th in the national titles.

Northern NSW will be defending their title after winning in Victoria last year.

The All Age girls head for the golden west on August 22 for the national titles in Perth.

Northern NSW will be out to win this year after being runners-up in Adelaide in 1980 and

1982, even though undefeated.

The All Age Womens championship is due to kick off on August 24, finishing on September 2.

From these games the Australian team will be chosen which will play in the inaugural Womens Oceania Cup in Fiji in late September/early October.

Northern NSW had four players in the previous Australian squad—Renaye Iserief (Central Coast) Julie Dolan and Toni McMahon (Far North Coast) and Helen Watts (Macquarie/Newcastle).

Potential Australian squad members are—Amy Treddinick (Macquarie/Newcastle) Barbara Webster (Tamworth) and Kerry Dolan (Far North Coast).

Amy Treddinick is the sister of former Young Socceroos Peter and Howard.



Mt. Druitt Commonwealth Cup Team



BACK ROW: Paul Benitez, Dennis Csoka, Stuart Moore, David Csoka, Tony Grodonovski, Mark Fletcher, Geoff Gillett (coach)

FRONT ROW: Eddy Diaz, Brett Scrine, Adib Merhab, Chris Hawkins, Darrin Bishop, Brett Shrine, Michael Rolls.

DESPITE RAIN PLAY IS ON

EDDIE GETS GOALS

Former Socceroo favourite and Marconi star Eddie Krnecic is doing nicely with Dinamo Zagreb in the Yugoslavian first division. Krnecic, who left to try his luck with the top Yugoslav side two years ago, is currently a regular first teamer and in his last nine games, scored seven goals.

THE BOYS

The cream of Schoolboy Soccer players will be involved in the NSW CHS Inter Regional Championship to be held at Marconi Grounds, Fairfield between June 28 and 30.

Players will be representing all areas of NSW. Games start at 9am.

After these three full days of Soccer, a squad for the Australian Schools tournament will be selected by coach, Chris James, for the tournament to be held in Brisbane starting on August 29.



Greenwich Under-16 striker Gina Cavalletto pounces on a loose ball and scores against OLMC Epping.

THE Gladesville-Hornsby Women's Football Association has reached the halfway mark in the 1983 season with seven full rounds played. Despite the number of rainy weekends, the girls have turned up regularly at Morrison Bay, Gladesville, and played enthusiastically.

President Lal Byers observed, "The girls are keen, fit, and determined to play as often as they can. The only ones inconvenienced, really, have been the spectators."

The Epping-Eastwood Metropolitan League team is placed second, two points behind leaders Arncliffe Scots. The Scots won the first round clash 2-0, the only loss so far. An exceptional rivalry has developed between these two top teams. Each contest is keenly anticipated by the coaches and the players.

In the local Division 1, Epping-Eastwood and Hills Memorial Club are undefeated and are fighting out the premiership, chased energetically by Ryde RSL and Gladesville Ravens.

Division 1. Epping-Eastwood (13), Hills Memorial (12), Ryde RSL (9), Gladesville Ravens (8), Pennant Hills (4).

YMCA (4), North Ryde (4), Macquarie University (0).

In Division 2, undefeated Gladesville Ravens have opened up a 3-point lead on Normanhurst, with Epping-Eastwood, Hills Memorial, and Ryde District Panthers preparing for a big second-half push.

Division 2. Gladesville Ravens (14), Normanhurst (11), Epping-Eastwood (7), Hills Memorial (7), Ryde District Panthers (7), YMCA (5), Ryde RSL (5).

The Division 3 premiership is currently being fought out by the undefeated Greenwich Under-16s and the Ryde District Panther Under-16s. The senior teams from Catholic College of Education and West Ryde Eagles are in touch with the leaders.

Division 3 (including eUnder-16). eGreenwich

(12), eRyde District Panthers (11), Cath. Coll. of Educ. (9), West Ryde Eagles (9), eGladesville Ravens (8), Carlingford Redbacks (7), North Ryde (6), Epping-Eastwood (4), eOLMC Epping (2).

The youngsters in the Under-14 Division are led by Hills Memorial Club with all the remaining teams bunched closely.

Under-14 Division. Hills Memorial (10), Gladesville Ravens White (8), Greenwich (7), OLMC Epping (6), Gladesville Ravens Black (5).

There are four full-size grounds and one three-quarter size ground at Morrison Bay, developed as a showplace for Soccer by Ryde Council. At midday on any Sunday a spectator can see five games in progress. There is no question that women's Soccer is a booming development in Gladesville-Hornsby.

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"You're right. If you've got the ball the opposition can't score — but then neither can you!"



SHILTON from page 10

that player's ability to hit a strong shot, I could be in trouble. So I treat everybody the same."

Q: Are there any strikers you pay special attention to then?

A: "No. Not at all. As I said before, I treat them all the same."

Q: What thoughts do you have about a goalkeeper being captain for either a club side or the national team?

A: "I would like to be club captain, but it involves many other aspects other than just being on the pitch with the side.

Flashback to World Cup second round clash between Germany and England in Madrid last year June. Shilton (centre) watches Mick Mills (England) clear the ball away from Rummenigge of Germany (right).

You have to attend many functions, look after inexperienced players, get involved with many other little bits and pieces."

"At international level it is entirely different. It is a symbol position basically."

Q: As a player, what do you look for in a top class manager?

A: "Honesty, consistency and no panic. Trust is very important. Trust is a tremendous quality really

for a manager to get from his players and vice versa."

Q: Some quality players you respect highly in England?

A: "Manchester United's Bryan Robson, is an excellent professional. Kenny Dalglish from Liverpool, so deadly on the turn and with his ability to hold up the ball."

Q: How about Glen Hoddle?

A: "Yes, a great player.

Excellent vision, one of the most gifted players in the country. Magnificent striker of the ball with both feet."

Q: What do you intend doing once you have retired from professional Soccer?

A: "I would like to stay in the game very much. As a club manager and eventually would love to become an England manager.

"If not that, I would go

into some type of business."

Q: What hobbies do you have?

A: "I like horses, I go to the races for complete relaxation. There is no physical involvement. You allow yourself to completely relax. I also like a good game of golf."

Q: Some advice please to our young readers playing Soccer?

A: "Very important to

SHEER MAGIC

FORMER World Cup captain, Johnny Warren, watched England's two goalkeepers train in Brisbane, and he made these comments to A.S.W.

"It was an absolute education and sheer magic watching Shilton train."

"What a great shame that I was on my own witnessing their training."

"Shilton drove himself and Nigel Spink for two solid hours, stopping only three minutes for a little drink."

"The thing that impressed me was that they both worked themselves to the ground, UNSUPERVISED."

"Shilton you could say was actually coaching his rival Spink, so to speak."

"The training should have been videoed and screened as a lesson to our players, both junior and senior."

ampton?"

A: "I have another three years left to run."

Q: I have a special little friend who has asked me to ask you... do you wish to leave England and play in Europe?

A: "No, not at all. I have another three years with Southampton and by then I will be 36 and a free-player."

It was a pleasure to meet this man Peter Shilton, - a true credit to his profession, England and to himself.

BUSTLED POINT FOR AUBURN

AUBURN collected a valuable point when they drew 1-1 with Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands Oval.

Ku-Ring-Gai never gained full control or momentum during the game and consequently they were hustled by the resolute Auburn side.

Midway through the half Townsend almost put Auburn ahead after his shot struck the crossbar. Roberts also had an opportunity but fine goalkeeping from Curtis prevented him.

Ku-Ring-Gai struck the first blow in the 42nd minute. A long clearance from Curtis found Eaton free just outside the area and he skilfully controlled the ball and tucked it past Bowman.

Five minutes into the second-half Auburn drew level. Townsend gained possession in the midfield and delicately dribbled past opposing defenders to slip it past Curtis.

After this setback Ku-Ring-Gai failed to capitalise on any forward movements their midfield created. On the other hand Auburn can be extremely pleased that they collected a point away from Parklands (Ku-Ring-Gai have not lost a game at home this season).

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Hammond, Bertram, Robertson, Berry, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Davidson (Leak 70).

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Quigley, Planninic, McKendrick, Roberts, Jones, Kilkelly, Carney, Townsend, Kinsey.

DEMONS DOWN POLONIA

BLACKTOWN came from behind to defeat a solid Polonia 2-1 at the Gabbie Stadium.

Blacktown had a majority of play but lacked finishing power in front of goal. However, against the run of play Polonia struck the vital blow.

A free-kick had been awarded to Polonia 25 metres from goal. Galas hit the ball powerfully and it took a slight deflection to deceive the

newly promoted keeper Barry Hoare.

Within minutes of the interval the Demons drew equal. A run and subsequent cross from Stoddart on the left was driven home by Walker.

Blacktown pushed forward in pursuit of a winner and this arrived midway through the half.

After good lead-up work by Wheatley on the right side his cross was met by the substitute Kirwan and driven into goal.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Brogan, Pointer, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Quarby, Pearson (Kirwan), Stoddart, Walker, Selvage, McLaughlin.

POLONIA: Barker, I.Garłowski, Sviel, Geekie, Galas, Tracey, Kowalczyk, Z. Garłowski, Ortega, Sodczyk (Vines 72), Smith.

CAPTIVATING, BUT A DRAW

IN ONE of the most captivating games of the season Manly and Croatia played out a 0-0 draw at Cromer Park.

It was action a plenty right from the start. Jones made a dashing run down the right flank and his cross from the by-line eluded the frantic attempts of his teammates.

Minutes later Cassetti was forced to pluck the ball in mid-air before

Arnold could get his head to it. Smith made a run towards goal and forced Watson to pull off a magic one-handed save.

The game was played at a crisp pace with both defences showing authority and control over their respective attacks.

For Manly Steven played with continued determination against his old club and his midfield partners Falconer and Jones were also dominant.

For Croatia Vidaic and Sterrey played strongly in

Official passes away

PLAYERS and supporters of the Polonia Soccer Club were saddened with the news that one of their longest serving campaigners passed away last week.

Eddie Dropczynski, the first President of the Chopin Park sports complex, died of heart attack.

Mr Dropczynski, put in a huge effort to consolidate the complex and was the club President for six years during the early 1970s.

Club supporters and Soccer followers in general send their deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

defence and Arnold was always dangerous in the air.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Sterrey, Vidaic, Savor, M.Kovacic, Carizzo (Rezo 78), Arnold, Silva, Hensman.

MANLY: Cassettari, Geoghegan (Williamson 30), Doyle, K.Falconer, Scott, Steven, Jones, Stuart, Van Heldon, Smith, P.Falconer.

Bruno Vidaic: spirited in defence for Croatia in the 0-0 draw against Manly.

FINE RUN

YUGAL continued their fine run of success when they drew with Sutherland 1-1 at Seymour Shaw Park.

Sutherland didn't show any enterprise in front of goal and at no stage created a clear cut goalscoring opportunity. On the other hand the Yugal defence outplayed their rivals and relied on quick and dangerous breakaways.

Sutherland hit the lead early after the break after Dal Forno converted from the penalty spot.

Yugal replied to this when the ball was pushed to the edge of the penalty area and the subsequent shot was parried by Haynes, but Rokodera was unmarked to sidefoot it home.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Cashman, Watkins, Scharfegger, Dal Forno, Meades, Harrington, Webber, Clinch, Groome, Rogers (McNiece).

YUGAL: team unavailable.

NSW TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Croatia | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 6 | 20 |
| Melita | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 8 | 18 |
| Blacktown | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 26 | 12 | 18 |
| Ku-Ring-Gai | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 15 |
| Avala | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 14 |
| Manly | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 18 | 14 |
| Sutherland | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 13 |
| Inter-Monaro | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 17 | 11 |
| Yugal | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 11 |
| Cant-M'ville | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 24 | 9 |
| Polonia | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 25 | 8 |
| Bankstown | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 32 | 6 |
| Auburn | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 32 | 3 |

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Blacktown | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 8 | 22 |
| Sutherland | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 37 | 7 | 18 |
| Manly | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 16 | 18 |
| Melita | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 43 | 25 | 18 |
| Ku-Ring-Gai | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 15 |
| Bankstown | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 17 | 14 |
| Croatia | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 21 | 14 |
| Auburn | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 24 | 10 |
| Avala | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 27 | 9 |
| Cant-M'ville | 13 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 32 | 7 |
| Yugal | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 50 | 6 |
| Polonia | 12 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 36 | 3 |
| Inter-Monaro | 12 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 34 | 2 |

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Cant-M'ville | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 5 | 20 |
| Polonia | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 16 |
| Sutherland | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 30 | 12 | 14 |
| Manly | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 31 | 15 | 14 |
| Melita | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 13 |
| Blacktown | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 12 | 12 |
| Croatia | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 11 |
| Auburn | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 9 |
| Bankstown | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 7 |
| Ku-Ring-Gai | 11 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 7 |
| Avala | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 30 | 6 |
| Yugal | 11 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 40 | 1 |

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Rockdale | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 18 | 21 |
| Gladesville | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 18 | 20 |
| Fairy Meadow | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 15 | 18 |
| Warn-N'been | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 17 |
| Wollongong Utd | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 12 | 16 |
| Rev Workers | 13 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 22 | 21 | 15 |
| Penrith Utd | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 13 |
| Artarmon | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 24 | 21 | 13 |
| Dee Why | 11 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 13 |
| Blacktown Utd | 13 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 9 |
| Nth Bankstown | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 22 | 22 | 8 |
| Uni of NSW | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 7 |
| Parra City | 14 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 30 | 7 |
| Belmore | 13 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 42 | 3 |

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Fairy Meadow | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 31 | 13 | 21 |
| Gladesville | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 37 | 9 | 19 |
| Rev Workers | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 35 | 15 | 19 |
| Wollongong Utd | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 35 | 24 | 19 |
| Warn-N'been | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 10 | 16 |
| Parra City | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 30 | 14 |
| Penrith Utd | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 13 | 13 |
| Nth Bankstown | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 12 |
| Rockdale | 14 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 20 | 30 | 9 |
| Artarmon | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 21 | 34 | 9 |
| Blacktown Utd | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 16 | 31 | 8 |
| Uni of NSW | 14 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 7 |
| Dee Why | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 24 | 7 |
| Belmore | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 37 | 6 |

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Fairy Meadow | 13 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 52 | 13 | 24 |
| Dee Why | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 18 |
| Uni of NSW | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 16 | 18 |
| Penrith Utd | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 13 | 17 |
| Gladesville | 13 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| Parra City | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 21 | 15 |
| Warn-N'been | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 20 | 12 |
| Blacktown Utd | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 24 | 12 |
| Rockdale | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 30 | 11 |
| Nth Bankstown | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 22 | 10 |
| Artarmon | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 26 | 36 | 10 |
| Belmore | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 26 | 6 |
| Wollongong Utd | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 6 |
| Revesby | 13 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 37 | 4 |

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Bathurst '75 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 7 | 18 |
| Nth Ryde | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 12 | 17 |
| Queens Park | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 7 | 14 |
| C'town City | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 12 |
| Mt Druitt Twn | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 12 |
| Bondi Marine | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 11 |
| Gladesville | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| Liverpool | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 8 |
| Kingford | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 6 |
| Lane Cove Utd | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 25 | 6 |
| CSI | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 4 |
| B'ilham Hills | | | | | | | |



MANLY STAR

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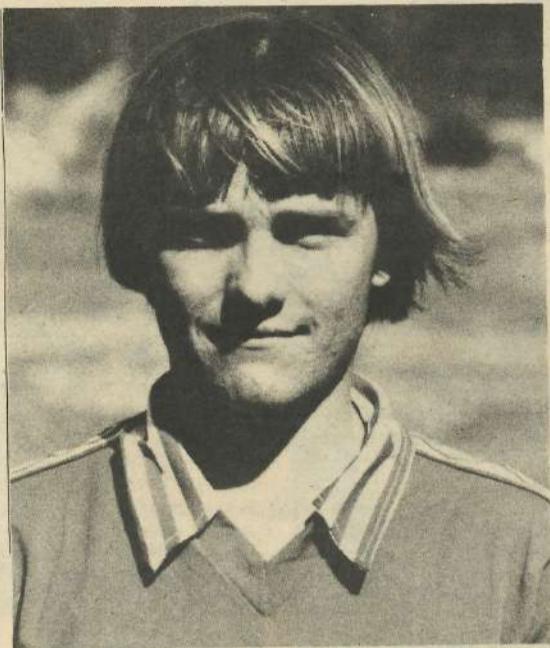
BY ANDREW
PASCHALIDIS

MEET Rob Stuart.
The silent, unselfish, team spirited Manly right flanker who has been playing consistent first grade Soccer for the last four years.

Born in October 1958, Rob is in his first year as a Science teacher and unbelievably coaching an Under 13 Rugby Union side at his high school.

Rob like many players who love the game, has spent all his Soccer years in the Manly District.

He started playing Soccer for Narrabeen (a local district which has since amalgamated with Warringah) at the age of seven and ended up leaving the club when he was 19. During this time he had spent a couple of seasons in



NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

1ST DIVISION

| | I | II | III |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0-3 |
| Cant-M'ville v Croatia Sydney | 1-4 | 1-2 | 0-0 |
| Bankstown v Sutherland Shire | 2-1 | def | def |
| Ku-Ring-Gai v Avala | def | def | 1-1 |
| Inter-Monaro v Blacktown City | def | def | — |
| Manly Warringah v Melita Eagles | 1-2 | 5-3 | 1-1 |

2ND DIVISION

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Blacktown United v Dee Why | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 |
| Revesby Workers v Belmore | 2-2 | 3-2 | 1-1 |
| Artarmon v Rockdale | 0-3 | 3-2 | 2-1 |
| Penrith United v Fairy Meadow | def | def | def |
| Parramatta City v Gladesville | 1-2 | 1-4 | 2-2 |
| Uni. of NSW v Wollongong United | 2-1 | 2-4 | 1-1 |
| Warringah N'been v North Bankstown | def | def | def |

3RD DIVISION

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------|----------|
| Mt Druitt Town v C.S.I. | def | def | def |
| Bathurst '75 v Liverpool Albion | 2-0 | 0-1 | 3-2 |
| Gladesville Hby v Kingsford | def | def | def |
| Lane Cove United v Baulkham Hills | def | def | def |
| Queens Park ES v North Ryde | 2-0 | 0-0 | 6-1 |
| Bondi Marine v Campbelltown City | 2-2 | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| C.S.I. v Kingsford | 4-2 | 10-3 | 2-0 |
| Mt Druitt Town v Lane Cove United | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1/c fort |

INTER URBAN — 1ST DIVISION

| I | II |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Concordia v Port Hacking | 1-5 |
| Wently Waratahs v King Tomislav | 0-3 |
| Fairfield West v Nineveh Eagles | 2-2 |
| Eastern Creek v Maroubra United | 6-0 |
| Hurst-Zagreb v Sydney United | 1-1 |
| Spanish Club v Fairfield Kiev | 3-1 |

INTER URBAN — 2ND DIVISION

| I | II |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Chile Sports v Trasindinos Sports | def |
| Sydney Maccabi v Chelsea | def |
| Moorebank v Campbelltown Gunn's | def |
| Padstow Park v West St George | def |
| Pagewood v West United | 5-0 |

INTER URBAN — 3RD DIVISION

| I | II |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Green Valley United v Liverpool City | 3-1 |
| Hawkesbury Dist v Macquarie United | def |
| Blacktown Wands v Revesby Rovers | def |
| Haberfield B/D's v Macarthur Utd | def |
| Ryde Dist v Smithfield H/S | def |

INTER URBAN — 4TH DIVISION

| I | II |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Nepean Rovers v Colo Colo | 0-2 |
| Blacktown Workers v Liverpool Rangers | 2-2 |
| Chullora v Liverpool Rangers | def |

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA scored a goal in the last minute to beat Canberra in an entertaining representative match at Corrimo.

Shellharbour's Barney King grabbed the late winner after being brought on to replace injured striker Martin Beech.

League this year. Personally, I am happy to continually gain extra yardage from him. I prefer a player to mark me tightly and that way if he is close I have the opportunity to outpace him. Cashman from Sutherland is also a hard player to face."

Like many players in the NSW State League Rob has aspirations for the future. "I am hopeful that Manly can win the State

guides me through my early days with constructive advice and criticism."

Manly president George Dick spoke highly about Rob.

"He is generally a quiet boy and a complete team player. Rob has always been willing to help the club in any way but most importantly he looks like being in first grade until he hangs up his boots."

Testimony of the regard people at Manly have of him.

I believe, as do many Soccer enthusiasts, that Soccer is a complete team sport with each person having his own duty and function in the team.

Unselfish, helpful and always looking to set up his team-mates... these are Rob Stuart's qualities. The perfect example of a team player.



The goal came from a shocking mix-up in the Canberra defence which resulted in Peter Thompson squaring the ball right across his own goal-mouth.

King gratefully accepted the chance and placed the ball into an open goal.

It was a tragic ending to the game for the ACT side and a draw would have been a fair result.

Illawarra started with a goal after two minutes, Fernhill's Steve Quinn latching on to a rebound after Beech had a powerful shot blocked.

The home team looked a lot sharper early but Canberra gradually found their feet and played some good football.

They drew level 11 minutes from the end and it seemed the teams would have to be content with another draw.

Barry Robinson then hit the crossbar from a great scoring position after Quinn set him up perfectly from the right and Illawarra stormed the Canberra goal looking for a winner.

It came in the most unexpected way — after which the game had hardly restarted before the final whistle blew.

To complete a big day for Illawarra, they won the Under 19 fixture 3-0 and took the Under 16

game by the same score.

SHELLHARBOUR striker Kevin O'Donnell is certainly versatile. The former Wollongong City Youth team player recently played in goal for his club's reserve grade and saved a penalty.

It enabled Shellharbour to beat Bulli 1-0, Jeff Carragher getting the winning goal two minutes from the end.

Carragher is the younger brother of Colin Carragher, who is going well in the Shellharbour first team this season.

ITED really hit top gear when they played the Illawarra representative side recently.

United beat Illawarra 4-0 with Steve Quirk getting a hat-trick.

Illawarra beat Canberra 2-1 the following week so United coach Larry Ashbolt can look forward to better results in the near future.

Quirk signed with United from Coniston this year and Ashbolt looked to him to get plenty of goals.

He has failed to deliver the goods in premiership games so far but after the Illawarra game, his confidence will be sky high.



FAIRY Meadow have surrendered the Federation second division lead for the first time in 12 weeks after their 1-1 draw with Artarmon.

The South Coast team have dropped a number of important points recently causing concern to officials and coach Bill de Graaf.

The Artarmon game was one striker Graeme Gardiner was to forget.

Gardiner hit the crossbar twice in the first 10 minutes then broke his nose in a clash with Artarmon goalkeeper Freeman in the second half.

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N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1

Saturday June 25

Melita Eagles v S.S.C. Yugal Melita Stadium
Croatia Sydney v Bankstown King Tomislav Park
Avala v Inter Monaro Knight Park

Sunday June 26

Polonia v Cant-M'ville Olympic Chopin Park
Auburn v Ku-Ring-Gai Mona Park
Blacktown City v Manly Warringah Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

Saturday June 25

Gl'sville Ravens v Revesby Workers Peel Park
Belmore v Uni of N.S.W. Blick Oval

Sunday June 26

Dee Why v Fairy Meadow Graham Reserve
N Bankstown v Blacktown United Potts Park
Penrith United v Parramatta City Cook Park
Rockdale v Warringah N'been Hurstville Oval
Wollongong Utd v Artarmon Berkeley Spts. Grd.
Uni of N.S.W. v Belmore (1st grade only) Little Bay Oval

DIVISION 1

Saturday July 2

Ku-Ring-Gai v Sutherland Shire Parklands Oval
Sunday July 3

Bankstown v Polonia Soccer Centre
Cant-M'ville v S.S.C. Yugal Arlington Oval
Inter-Monary v Auburn Marco Polo Oval
Manly Warringah v Avala Cromer Park
Blacktown City v Melita Eagles Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

Saturday July 2

Dee Why v Parramatta City Graham Reserve
Revesby Workers v Penrith Utd Jensen Oval
Belmore v Artarmon Blick Oval

Sunday July 3

Fairy Meadow v Blacktown Utd Police Boys Ground
Gladesville Ravens v Uni of NSW Peel Park
Warringah N'been v Wollongong Utd Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Rockdale v North Bankstown Hurstville Oval

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 15 — JUNE 13

U/13 U/14 U/15 U/16

GROUP A

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ku-ring-gai v St George | 1-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-4 |
| Blacktown Assn v Canterbury | 1-0 | 0-6 | 1-5 | 0-5 |
| Granville v Melita | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | nil |
| Auburn, bye | | | | |
| Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast (8/6) | | | | 3-2 |

GROUP B

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Southern Dists v Sutherland | 0-2 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 3-0 |
| Polonia v Croatia | 1-2 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 1-4 |
| Nth Bankstown v Sydney City | 3-1 | 3-4 | 1-0 | 1-3 |
| Gladesville v APIA | 3-1 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 0-2 |
| Illawarra, bye | | | | |
| Croatia v Sydney City (9/6) | | | | 0-0 |

GROUP C

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Blacktown City v Marconi | 4-1 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-3 |
| Canterbury-Marr v Sydney Oly | 1-4 | 1-3 | 3-1 | 2-0 |
| Baulkham Hills v Avala | 2-5 | 0-1 | 1-0 | 1-8 |
| Bankstown v Macarthur | Banks 2-1 | 1-0 | 2-2 | |
| Nepean, bye | | | | |

ROUND 16 — JUNE 18

GROUP A

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Manly v Ku-ring-gai | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-4 | 1-0 |
| Auburn v Central Coast | 3-0 | 1-2 | 2-0 | 3-2 |
| St George v Blacktown Assn | 3-0 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 3-0 |
| Canterbury v Granville | 1-2 | 0-2 | 1-3 | Cant |
| Melita, bye | | | | |

GROUP B

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Croatia v Southern Dists | 2-0 | 0-2 | def | def |
| Illawarra v Polonia | 2-0 | 3-0 | 0-3 | 5-0 |
| Sutherland v Nth Bankstown | 7-0 | 3-0 | 8-0 | 4-0 |
| Sydney City v Gladesville | 3-1 | 0-2 | 2-1 | 4-1 |
| APIA, bye | | | | |

GROUP C

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nepean v Blacktown City | 1-0 | 3-0 | 0-4 | 1-1 |
| Marconi v Canterbury-Marr | 0-3 | 2-0 | 2-0 | def |
| Sydney Olympic v Baulkham Hills | 4-0 | 3-2 | 0-1 | 4-1 |
| Avala v Macarthur | av | 1-0 | 3-1 | 4-3 |
| Bankstown, bye | | | | |

POINTS AT 18.6.83

U13:

GROUP A: St George 28, Central Coast 21, Auburn 20, Blacktown Assn 19, Manly 15, Granville 13, Melita 13, Ku-ring-gai 12, Canterbury 5.

GROUP B: Illawarra 24, Sutherland 24, Gladesville 22, Croatia 19, Polonia 17, APIA 14, Southern Dists 11, Nth Bankstown 10, Sydney City 9.

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 29, Nepean 23, Blacktown City 22, Bankstown 20, Avala 19, Canterbury-Marr 16, Marconi 15, Baulkham Hills 8.

U14:

GROUP A: Manly 24, St George 22, Granville 21, Canterbury 19, Central Coast 15, Ku-ring-gai 14, Auburn 14, Melita 9, Blacktown Assn 6.

GROUP B: Sutherland 28, APIA 28, Southern Dists 25, Illawarra 19, Gladesville 16, Polonia 14, Sydney City 13, Nth Bankstown 6, Croatia 5.

GROUP C: Marconi 23, Nepean 23, Sydney Olympic 22, Bankstown 18, Baulkham Hills 18, Canterbury-Marr 18, Blacktown City 15, Avala 10, Macarthur 7.

U15:

GROUP A: Granville 26, Auburn 24, St George 19, Ku-ring-gai 17, Canterbury 14, Manly 13, Melita 11, Blacktown Assn 11, Central Coast 9.

GROUP B: APIA 26, Polonia 24, Illawarra 23, Sutherland 21, Croatia 14, Southern Dists 14, Gladesville 11, Sydney City 10, Nth Bankstown 9.

GROUP C: Marconi 29, Sydney Olympic 22, Baulkham Hills 20, Avala 19, Canterbury-Marr 19, Blacktown City 17, Nepean 15, Bankstown 9, Macarthur 4.

U16:

GROUP A: St George 26, Auburn 21, Ku-ring-gai 19, Canterbury 18, Manly 16, Central Coast 11, Blacktown Assn 11, Melita 10.

GROUP B: APIA 27, Southern Dists 22, Illawarra 22, Gladesville 19, Sutherland 18, Sydney City 17, Croatia 13, North Bankstown 7, Polonia 5.

GROUP C: Marconi 25, Sydney Olympic 25, Canterbury-Marr 22, Avala 19, Nepean 19, Blacktown City 15, Bankstown 14, Baulkham Hills 8, Macarthur 5.

RIVERINA CUP

The Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association U14 representative side played its first round match in the Riverina Cup competition held in Griffith last week.

Promotion officer Frank Finlay said "The team was successful in beating Wagga 2-1 and the Eastern Western slope side 5-2 but were defeated by Griffith 2-1."

Coach of the side Ernst Muellner decided that Maurio Antic was the player of the series.

Q'LAND JUNIORS MARK 100 YEARS

THE Queensland State Championships this year have been given extra meaning as this is the Queensland Soccer Centenary year.

Of particular importance will be the under 15 series to be contested at Martens Oval Bundaberg.

The players who appear will form the nucleus of the Queensland under 16 side the following year.

State Director of Coaching Bruce Stowell will visit all 1983 championship centres, naturally paying particular attention to the talent emerging from the Bundaberg matches.

From each grade will come the teams to represent the Sunshine State in the National Championships later in the year.

The under 14 State Championships will be played in the Darling Downs city of Toowoomba with Willowburn Soccer club as the hosts.

Gladstone's Queensland Alumina Sports club will be the centre of interest for the under 13 titles.

As usual the Queens-

land Junior Soccer Council allocates representatives to each of the championships. U15 official will be Barry Bainbridge, U14 Mrs Pat Dorge, and U13 Mrs Leith Ferguson.

Brisbane was chosen as the venue for the under 14 National Championships, and this will be a junior highlight of the Centenary Year.

The entire series will be played at the North Star



SPECIAL JUNIOR EVENTS IN WESTERN NSW

June 26 at Forbes — U10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 rep. grades.

July 10 at Grange — U10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 rep. grades.

July 17 at Parkes — U13.

July 17 at Dubbo — U10, 12, 14, 16; U11 Westpac Trophy.

July 24 — Branch Championship finals.

July 31 — Thorn's Jewellers Trophy for U12.



Blacktown Association Under 13 Youth League team assembled for this picture prior to a recent Youth League game. (Photo from Chris James)

'FAVOURITE PLAYER WINNERS'

IT WAS a hard choice this week between the entries from Johnny Baumeister of Dapto and Gaynor Williams from Kotara South. In this Wollongong v Newcastle contest the judges gave the award narrowly to Johnny. His bag will be sent to him from Mark Jankovic's The Sports Centre soon.

Keep those entries rolling in.

MY favourite National League player is Phil O'Connor who plays for Wollongong City.

MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

You have a favorite star player in the National or State Leagues? Good.

If you are under 16, write to Mark Jankovics c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and tell us about him.

Marconi's Mark Jankovics is one of the all time top scorers in the National Soccer League and has played for Australia.

He is one of the owners of The Sports Centre at Parramatta Westfield, Carrington Court and Bankstown Square.

He will award a sports bag of your choice (value \$15) if you are a fortnightly prize winner.

If you are from interstate then your bag will be sent to you.

So write to Mark Jankovics, c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Box 406, Broadway 2007, and tell us about your favorite star — in not more than six sentences.

To me Phil O'Connor shows the best qualities of a player. He is very skilful with both feet and can use all parts of his body to control the ball, which is very important. He is a very fair player who hardly ever has a free kick against him.

For these reasons, I have asked my dad if I can go to Phil O'Connor's Junior Coaching Clinics, although there are other coaches who hold Coaching Clinics. I wish there were more players like him.

Johnny Baumeister (11) Dapto, NSW

MY favourite player in the NSL is Howard Tredinnick who plays with Newcastle KB United.

He plays in the left fullback position.

He is a versatile player and tries hard to get goals.

He always finds open spaces on the field to get the ball and is fighting all the game for the ball.

Howard always finds time to talk to young Soccer players.

Gaynor Williams (12) Kotara South

The manager is QJSC treasury Mrs Pam Gilbert.

Representatives of Brisbane North and Brisbane South zones are included, whilst North Star Club under their president Lawrie Anderson is giving plenty of assistance also.

The Sports Club is a multi-sports organisation. At their disposal are four full-sized Soccer pitches and three mini-fields to cater for the youngsters.

The Queensland under 13 team will travel to Alice Springs in late September for the National titles. In charge will be coach John Burgess and manager Jack Boyle.

The under 15s go to Sydney in August with Jim Dolan as coach and Ken Hesson as manager.

A committee was set up and is working hard to make the championship a huge success.

AUSSIE 'PELES' ERNST WISH

Ernst Muellner, coach

FLASHBACK TO YOUNGER DAYS



Pictured here are two young Soccer players. On the left, readily recognisable, is Kevin Coleman, a fine midfielder with Croatia Sydney before recently leaving for Brisbane for employment reasons. Kevin, incidentally, captained Australian Schoolboys against England in 1974. His companion is England midfield star Gordon Cowans, and the occasion was when the pair were youngsters in lodgings together with Aston Villa FC.



ON GUARD!

The left winger has space to play the ball in, as North Tasmania attacks Ku-ring-gai in this Centenary under 12 championship game at Ashley Brown Oval, Seven Hills, NSW.



FRED BURL ELITE

The boys from the North Ryde 10A team who won the Fred Burl Trophy as undefeated premiers in their grade of the Ku-ring-gai Association in 1982. Coached by Nev Newton and managed by Bernie Hoekstra, they have used the combination they built up over a number of years together to currently run second in the U12 Div 2 competition. The players are: (l to r). Back row: Ian Smith, Jonathan Richards, Greg Smith.



HAPPY



It's quite a jumble of players, referee and spectators in this action shot from a North Tasmania-Ku-ring-gai encounter in the NSW Centenary Cup competition in Sydney.

WHO'S WHO, WHAT'S WHAT

Middle row: Craig Ridell, Mathew Wilson, Aaron Spillane, Anthony Pik, Neville Hoekstra. Seated row: Philip Buddle, Damon Jackson, Craig Newton.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE

JOE Judge has been appointed the Director of Coaching for the Mitchell Soccer Football Association, which is centred on the City of Bathurst.

He has sound qualifications to carry him into the position.

In football he was a former coach and player for the Bathurst 75 Soccer Club, now in the NSW State League Third Division.

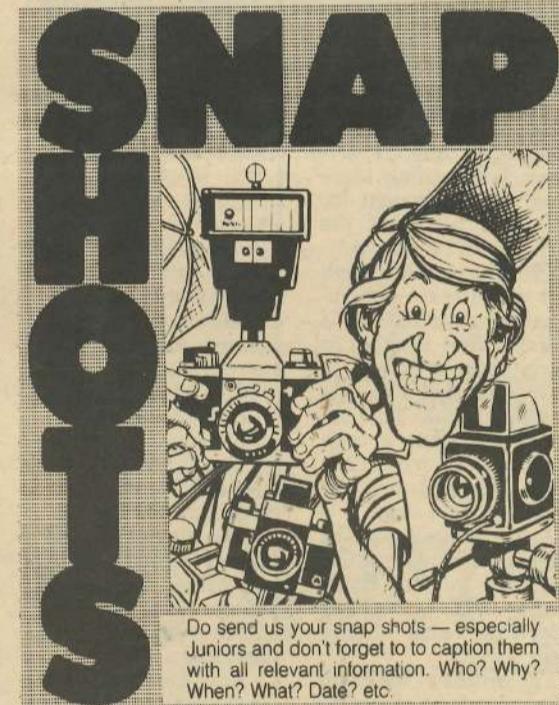
He brought them up four divisions in four years — surely a remarkable record. At the Mitchell College of Advanced Education he is currently Lecturer in Teacher Education on the subject of physical fitness.

He has ceased coaching senior players and from 1984 onwards he will concentrate on the Youth Development Program for the area.

Mitchell Association is aiming to enter the NSW Youth League next season.

Already coaches and manager have been tentatively appointed for all teams including under 13.

Helen Saad.



Do send us your snap shots — especially Juniors and don't forget to caption them with all relevant information. Who? Why? When? What? Date? etc.

BATHURST GETS IT

BATHURST has been allocated the NSW under 11 State Championships for 1983. The local Association is on the way to turning the series into an enormous success.

Enquiries for accommodation and direction should be directed to the Association secretary, Mr Peter Cole, PO Box 871, Bathurst 2795 NSW or by phoning 063 31 8341.

The Branch Championships for under 10, 11 and 12 grades commences on June 26 along with the newly constituted Western NSW Youth League for under 13, 14, 15 and 16 grades.

The under 13 and 14 grades brought excellent entries, but under 15 and 16 were light on.

The first round for all the age groups will be played at Forbes.

B. Rook.

BELMORE BLASTERS



Belmore's forward successfully draws Strathfield's goalie out of the goal mouth in preparation for a pass to his striker who then hammered the ball into Strathfield's goal.

Belmore 'A' under 13 years division 1 team are really making their presence felt in the Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association competition.

So far they are undefeated and each week a score such as 6-0 is the regular result of their games.

Their main advantages over other teams is their accurate passing, both forward and backwards, and all players working together as a team.

Helen Saad.

There was plenty to be happy about when the under 13 team from the new Macarthur District Soccer Football Association ran out winners of the Johs Amundsen Perpetual Trophy played on the Far South Coast.

Macarthur squad under manager/coach Paul McKittrick was: Graeme McCormack, Timothy Gurner, David Merry, Ray Collins, Patrick Ainsworth, Michael Grinberg, Karl Behrendt, Stephen Wood, Glenn Star, Pat Duffy, Craig Bridge, Gary Bishop, Darren Stepetz, Richard Harris, Douglas Hamilton, Mathew McKittrick.



Pictured are the Western NSW representatives and their officials: (l to r) Back row: J. Dunworth (manager), J. Sinclair, C. McGill, C. White, C. Jones, B. Langford, S. Jones, P. Cole (coach), C. Hirst, T. White (attendant). Front row: M. Lappan, A. Comiskey, R. Crisp, D. Kilgour, A. Stedman, P. Turner, M. Harvey, K. Whalan. Absent: A. Swain.

BEST FROM WEST

THE Western NSW U13 representative team aims to compete this year in the State titles.

And the contest they hope will eventuate is a match against the St George side.

A loss to St George this year in the Mini Ampol Cup has left the West keen to have another go.

They reckon they know the Saints' moves and have no doubt that the match will turn out to be a crackerjack.

The West has started this season well.

The region is starting to overcome the long drought it has experienced, but certainly there is no Soccer drought for the team now that the season is in full swing.

The team went through last year's State Championship undefeated. It was the first to do so in thirty years in NSW.

On top of that it was the first side to take the honour to the country in competitions in which the much bigger Sydney associations hold sway.

Apart from winning the State and Country titles the team won the Radio Station 2GZ — Westpac Sporting Team of the Year Award.

The results at the State Championships played at Kareela Oval were: v Southern NSW 4-0, v

BATHURST WOMEN COMPETE

THE Mitchell Soccer Football Association, based on Bathurst, commenced its first ever women's competition this year.

Although only six teams entered, the competition is already becoming very successful and creating much interest.

More teams have already been promised for next season.

The district showed plenty of courage by entering the NSW Women's Soccer Championship in its first year.

And that certainly is the way to learn.
— from B. Cooke

The players were unable to train for the series due to unavailability and summer sporting commitments but they only suffered one loss. And that was to what has become their arch-rivals — St George.

They all but wrapped up the competition with these excellent results: v Manly 4-0, v St George 1-3, v Nepean 0-0, v Ku-ring-gai 7-1 and v Bankstown 4-1.

The new Western Branch Youth League will provide the players with the best available competition and from there on they will be preparing for the State Championships.

BRINTON JUNIORS GROW IN GEELONG

DURING 1981 a group of local parents decided to form a new Soccer club in the area as they believed that they could improve the coaching methods used by their existing club.

The new club was formed in October 1981 and named Brinton's as a senior side of that name allowed us to use their ground and facilities.

At our first meeting which was attended by six families we counted the children we had between us and we just had enough to field one team.

As with all clubs, they do not run on hot air so our committee set about trying to raise funds. We held a trash and treasure stall, peanut brittle drive and also approached local firms and business houses.

With the money we raised earlier we purchased strips for the two teams and paid our affiliation fees to the Geelong

houses gave us products that we could use.

One company sent an apologetic letter with their cheque of \$150, saying their sport donation budget was just about exhausted and they were sorry they could not donate anymore. We thought this was Christmas.

Our next campaign was to try to recruit more players. We drafted posters which we displayed in local shops, supermarkets and libraries and also the local media. When the 1982 school year started I approached local primary school headmasters to advertise for us in the school notices.

By the end of February we had enough players for under 9 and under 10 teams.

With the money we raised earlier we purchased strips for the two teams and paid our affiliation fees to the Geelong



Above: last years U-10 team and the U-9s are below.



Are you sure that left-back of yours is under-15?

subsidized each playing member a present.

On the day we had Life-Be-In-It games and the presents were handed out by Father Christmas, who arrived by courtesy of the Country Fire Brigade, in a big fire engine.

The 1983 season is proving to be another great year for us as we are now able to field another team, an under 11 team.

Our club now has 50 children, including one girl. Many travel up to 30 kilometres to attend training and our matches. We have a very supportive family backing.

(We are grateful to Brinton's Soccer Club president Chris Wintershoven for the story of how the club got under way in the Geelong suburb of Whittington. It's great to have news from centres like Geelong.)

ENTER NOW

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007. (Black & white pictures are preferred, but we will do our best with all color shots supplied).

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



TURNER CUP — SYDNEY DIVISIONS RESULTS

(ROUND 1).

DIVISION 1 North: Know Grammar 5, Chatswood HS 0; Marsden HS 3 g 11 pen, Holy Cross College 3 g 10 pen; Drymmoyne BHS 1, Hunters Hill HS 0; Muirfield HS 8, Gilroy College 0; Strathfield South HS 5, Parramatta Marist 2;

DIVISION 2 South: Patrician Bros Fairfield 5, Canley Vale HS 0; Busby HS 2, Lurnea HS 1; De la Salle Kingsgrove for. to Gymea HS; Narwee HS 5,

Peakhurst HS 0; Punchbowl BHS 4, Kingsgrove HS 2.

DIVISION 3 East: CB St Marys Cathedral for. to Canterbury BHS; Pittwater HS 6, Pittwater Grammar 0; Beacon Hill HS 2, Davidson HS 1; Killarney Hts HS 3, Christian Bros Manly 2.

DIVISION 4 West: Cambridge Park HS 6, St Marys HS 0; Pendle Hill HS 4, Greystanes HS 0.

(ROUND 2).

DIVISION 1 North: As-

quith BHS 2, Knox Grammar 1; Marsden HS 0 g 4 pen, Normanhurst BHS 0 g, 2 pen; North Sydney BHS 2 g 4 pen, Malivina HS 2 g 2 pen; Concord HS 1, Drymmoyne BHS 0; Model Farms HS 1 g 4 pen, Muirfield 1 g 2 pen; Parramatta HS 2, Baulkham Hills HS 1; Epping BHS 6, Granville BHS 1; Patriotic Bros Granville 1, Strathfield South HS 0.

DIVISION 2 South: Bankstown BHS 2, Sir Joseph Banks 0; Birrong

BHS 3, Fairfield HS 2; Ingleburn HS 1 g 3 pen, Busby HS 1 g 1 pen; Port Hacking HS 4, Gymea HS 0; Sylvania HS 2, Kirrawee HS 0; Narwee HS 4, Endeavour HS 0.

DIVISION 3 East: Canterbury BHS 2, Sydney Tech HS 1; J.J. Cahill HS 2, Marrickville HS 0; De la Salle Ashfield 5, Fort St HS 0; Dover Heights HS 3, Ashfield BHS 2; Cromer HS 4, Pittwater HS 0; Forest HS 4 g 4 pen, Beacon Hill HS 4 g 2 pen;

Killarney Hts HS 2, St Augustines Manly Vale 0.

DIVISION 4 West: Blaxland HS 5, Blue Mountains Grammar 0; St Dominics Penrith 3, Springwood HS 1; Cambridge Park HS 3, St Agnes HS 0; Dunheved HS for. to Bidwill HS 1; Plumpton HS 2, Riverstone HS 0; Rooty Hill HS 1, Blacktown BHS 0; Mt Druitt HS 1, Pendle Hill HS 0; Northmead HS 2 g 4 pen, Grantham HS 2 g 4 pen.

NUMERO UNO



ITALY BANS IMPORTS

A NEW directive placed on all Italian clubs, bans them from importing foreign players.

Only three years ago, the "gates" were opened to foreign stars, and gradually there was an influx of foreign players.

This decision brought down by the Italian Football Federation, is seen as an attempt to cut down the growing influence of sponsors on professional Soccer in the country.

However, newly promoted clubs will still be allowed to sign up imports.

Roberto Falcao who has quit AS ROMA, still retains his licence to play in Italy.

Falcao quit Rome when he refused their 45% increase in his salary, but now the Italian Football Association have slapped a 20% limit on salary increases for transferred players to now baffle the Brazilian.

'FALCAO
CAN
STILL
PLAY'

GERMAN CUP GOES TO COLOGNE ONCE AGAIN

F.C. COLOGNE, won the West German Cup for the fourth time when they outplayed their city rivals, Fortuna in the Final, defeating them 1-0. The goal came in the 68th minute from international flankman, Pierre Littbarski, but up till that time, Fortuna was unlucky not to have scored first.

Cologne has previously won the Cup in 1968, 1977 and 1978. The crowd was 60,000.



Littbarski's goal wins Cup for Cologne

FRENCH World Cup captain, Michel Platini (left), currently with Italian side Juventus, was voted Television's European Number One Footballer for season 1982-83.

French Television Channel TF1, organised the poll and Platini collected 61 points. Sports services from 21 countries which are part of the Eurovision

Network, chose their stars as follows:

PLATINI 61 points,
MAGATH 23 points,
FALCAO 21, STRACHAN 18, DALGLISH 10.



Chinaglia

ITALIANS WANT TO GO DUTCH

ITALIAN First Division outfit, Pisa, have approached Holland's top goal-scorer, (32 goals) Wim Kieft.

The 23 year old Dutch striker, currently playing with Ajax Amsterdam, is reported to be interested in the approach but has delayed his reply.

But Pisa's President, Romeo Anconetani, is

said to have already released a statement to the effect that his club has already signed up Kieft. Meanwhile, Ajax hotly denies this information as they have not been contacted or any transfer monies paid.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

OVER SEAS



SCOTS SCOTCH CANADA

SCOTLAND defeated Canada in their first match of a series of three, 2-0 in Vancouver.

The Scots first goal came from a penalty scored by Aberdeen's wee Gordon Strachan, after the Canadian goalkeeper, Tino Lettieri had brought down ex-Celtic and Arsenal-bound, Charlie Nicholas, in the 35th minute.

Nicholas had to leave the field with a strained knee in the 44th minute, but his replacement,

Mark McGee hit the target in the 78th minute to seal Scotland's victory before a crowd of only 15,000.

Scotland's goalkeeper, kept his "back-room" clean by making two outstanding saves from well-taken Canadian free-kicks.

The two remaining matches against Canada will be played at Montreal and Toronto.

COSMOS STAR IS SET FOR LAZIO RETURN

Giorgio Chinaglia may be persuaded to leave New York Cosmos to return to Italy — despite his close involvement with Cosmos and financial stake in the club.

Chinaglia's former Italian club, Lazio of Rome, is in big financial trouble and there has been a move in the USA to assist Lazio.

If Lazio is prepared to let Chinaglia take over, he'll think seriously about a return to Rome.

ZICO SAYS "NO"

BRAZILIAN midfielder, Zico, had to say a big "No" to his own club Flamengo, as he prepares to leave for Italy to play for Udinese.

The Brazilian club

goods company, made at last ditch offer, but to no avail, as it was no match to the relatively rich Italians could pay. Zico told the press: "In Soccer, career playing times are short and I do not want to miss a big opportunity.

Flamengo will now receive \$4 million transfer fee from the Italians, for the services of the 30 year old Zico, who has been with the club for the last 12 years.

Flamengo's offer was \$300,000 cash with the balance of some 950 million cruzeiros (Brazilian currency) spread over two years. But the problem is that the cruzeiro is continually being devalued at 10% . . . PER MONTH.

tried desperately to match the Italians' lucrative contract offered to Zico (\$2 million) and together with the ADIDAS sporting

CITY FANS VOTE FOR CLOUGH, DOCHERTY

RESULTS are everything. Nobody knows that better than Manchester City's ex-boss John Benson. After only four months in charge at Maine Road, Benson was fired, to nobody's surprise.



Clough



Doc

B'POOL HIT SKIDS

HAS any distinguished club hit the skids as badly as Blackpool in the past few years?

In the days of Stan Matthews, Ernie Taylor, Harry Johnston and Co., Blackpool were always one of the glamour clubs of UK football.

Last week, Blackpool had to apply for re-election to the fourth division!

CHARLIE'S BIG MONEY

WITH just about every leading club in the UK, and plenty in Europe, ready to pay a fortune to sign Celtic's Charlie Nicholas, how come Arsenal outbid everyone?

The Gunners gave Nicholas what he wanted — a massive signing-on fee.

It's said Arsenal put \$150,000 into the youngster's bank account.



DAVID Fairclough, a "spare" man in the Liverpool squad for some time, has refused to move to Southend United.

He prefers first division football to first team football in a lower division.



DARIO Gradi has been appointed team manager of Crewe Alexandra. He was formerly boss at Wimbledon and Crystal Palace.

While in control, Benson could boast only three wins in 17 matches.

He claimed it would take three years to sort out the mess at Manchester City, so his four months was hardly long enough.

In the past 11 years, Manchester City have shown the door to eight team managers. Such lack of stability undoubtedly contributed to City's relegation to second division this year.

Club chairman Peter Swales, discussing a new manager, said: "Big name or small doesn't really matter. The only sort of manager we want is a winner."

A radio station in Manchester conducted a poll among City fans to decide who should be Benson's successor.

First choice was Brian Clough, supported by 34 per cent of listeners. Next best was Sydney Olympic's Tommy Docherty with 20 per cent!



Walsh

A WANTED TOURIST

PAUL Walsh (Luton Town), who scored England's only goal in the second international against Australia in Brisbane, is wanted by some of England's top clubs.

Both Manchester United and Liverpool are in the market to buy the youngster. If he moves, Luton should be able to balance their books.

NORTH-EAST WINDS ARE SO COLD !

HARTLEPOOL United — possibly the most unsuccessful club in England — have just survived the pangs of applying for re-election yet again.

This was the 13th time the north-east club has had to beg to be readmitted to the Football League.

Hartlepool, like neighbouring Darlington, have had to live in the shadow of the more glamorous Newcastle United, Sunderland and Middlesbrough for years.

It's said that Hartlepool's greatest claim to fame is that they were the first club ever to be managed by Brian Clough!

ENGLAND MAKE DO ON TOUR

WHEN, oh when, will a full strength England team play Australia in a full international match?

The Australians have waited 100 years for it to happen and, despite the promises, they still wait.

Writing in the London Daily Mail, Jeff Powell describes the England squad in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne as "a half-strength squad supplemented by some promising young talent. Like Yul Brynner, recruiting the Magnificent Seven, Bobby Robson is rounding up a bunch of mercenaries."

Powell's story, written before the start of the tour, was emphasised at the SCG when only four first-choice players, Butcher, Osman, Francis (pictured) and Shilton were in England's line-up.



LUTON TOWN'S NEW HOME

LUTON Town want to leave their rather ancient and decrepit home at Kenilworth Road and move to a brand new \$30,000,000 stadium some miles out of Luton at Milton Keynes.

If Luton want to lay an artificial pitch, they will meet opposition from many clubs.

QPR got away with it — but many clubs insist synthetic grass gives a home team a big advantage.

The answer could be Milton Keynes, even though some fans

petitioned against the move.

There would not be any objection from the Football League if Luton decided to make the big move — providing the pitch is natural turf.



Keegan

AT LAST, THE GEORDIES WIN

IT'S a long time since Newcastle United won any major honours in English football but they've had some success in a close season tournament.

Newcastle played in a four-nation club tournament in Tokyo and won the Japan Cup.

It's not quite the English F.A. Cup but skipper Kevin Keegan was delighted to receive the trophy.

The Geordies had two wins and two draws — their 0-0 result against classy Brazilians Botafogo being a creditable result.



Hilaire (left)

CRYSTAL Palace winger Vince Hilaire has been transfer-listed. He is determined to get a new club and Palace have now realised they cannot tempt him to stay.



ALAN Hudson, former star midfielder with Chelsea, Arsenal and

Stoke City, is expected to join Port Vale now that he is free of USA commitments.

Hudson once toured Australia with Arsenal — and was sent home for disciplinary reasons.



ALLY McCoist, who cost Sunderland \$500,000 two years ago, is back in his native Scotland — signing for Rangers for \$300,000.



SPURS centre-half John Lacy could move to Crystal Palace on a free transfer.



DESPITE the annual rumours that Brian Clough seeks a change of club, he is likely to remain as boss of Nottingham Forest.

Forest chairman Geoff McPherson says Clough will remain with the club for another two years.

LINEKER IS NOT MOVING

GARY Lineker, whose 26 goals did so much to help Leicester City win promotion last season, has decided to stay at Filbert Street, even though Liverpool and Manchester United want to sign him.

"I'm staying because I know Leicester can make as big an impact on the first division as Watford," said Lineker.

He and Kevin McDonald have both signed new two-year contracts with Leicester.



Hughes

FORMER England and Liverpool skipper Emlyn Hughes is tipped to take over as manager of Chesterfield.

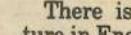
There has been a boardroom coup at Chesterfield led by Derby County chairman Mike Watson.

Hughes was player-manager of Rotherham United last season but was sacked.



NOTTS COUNTY BID FOR SHILTON

WHEN Peter Shilton returns to Southampton from his Australian tour, he could be transferred to a new club.



There is much conjecture in England that Shilton will be joining Notts County.

Notts boss Howard Wilkinson confirmed that he was having talks with a

"top international goalkeeper" but did not name Shilton.

Only one year ago, Shilton moved from Nottingham Forest to Southampton for a bargain price of \$225,000.

A car company in Nottingham has had sponsorship talks with Notts County. The company could pay Shilton's weekly wage of \$2,300. (The England goalkeeper is one of the highest-paid players in Britain.)